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A RETROSPECT.

BEFORE this journal appears again another 1st of January will have come and gone, and we take the occasion once again of wishing our readers a happy New Year. The relations between us have ever been so pleasant and cordial that nothing need be added to mar the simplicity of the phrase. That being done, it is natural in the last of these brief December days to cast an eye backward over the months that have fled. They have not been strikingly eventful as far as home and national affairs are concerned. The country has been at peace, and has been steadily recovering from the partial exhaustion that followed the war. Business, as far as it can be tested, has been steadily and quietly improving, prices have risen and, on the whole, the period has been one of unquestionable prosperity. In that part of home life in which we are more particularly concerned, the cultivation of the soil and all the interests attached to it, there is not much to record beyond a steady recovery from the long depression. The year, on the whole, has been favourable to agriculture. Only for a short time in the spring did the outlook appear gloomy and threatening. Soon there set in one of the longest and brightest summers of our experience, and though the long absence of rain was not without its inconvenience, on the whole the truth of the old adage was verified, "Drought never yet brought dark to England." The only calamity that seemed for a time to be unavoidable was a milk famine, owing to the burning up of the pastures. As an unusually wet autumn followed, this disaster did not overtake the farmer. It is very difficult to apply a general test to the fortunes of agriculture, but such as there are yield very fair results. Landed property is no longer so difficult to dispose of as it was, and the prices realised compare favourably with those of the years immediately previous. From all parts of the country we learn that there has been no difficulty in letting farms, and, generally speaking, the rents have tended to rise. To descend to details, the most prosperous department of agriculture has been that which concerns stock. The export of shorthorns and other pedigree animals from this country has been unprecedented, and the prices gained are such as will compare with the most brilliant period of stock-breeding. Sheep,

again, largely owing to the demand for English wool, have once more proved themselves of great profit. Cereals have not, on the whole, been so satisfactory. The price of wheat during the whole of the year has always ruled a little below that of 1905, yet it has shown no tendency to fall so low as it did in the bad years.

The affairs of the nation, as a whole, have not been such as to cause any disquiet. Every indication that can be depended upon has spoken in favour of advancing prosperity. The revenue returns, the exports and imports, in fact all figures that show the bulk of trade done, have proved that a wave of prosperity has been sweeping over the country. It cannot be said that the circumstances were, in themselves, very favourable. We began the year with a General Election pending, and that is, in itself, a circumstance which generally tends towards depression. On the other hand, our relations with foreign nations have been pleasant and cordial. The establishment of a better understanding with our French neighbours has been one of the great achievements of the past year, and at the same time our friendship with America has been deepened and intensified. Great Britain no longer stands in that position of splendid isolation of which one of her leading politicians boasted a few years ago. If trouble has been threatened at all it has been with Germany. Somehow the impression has been produced both in this country and among the subjects of the Kaiser that a struggle between them is inevitable. Were it to occur, no doubt a large number of people in both countries would be revolted at the idea. But others appear to be convinced that in the end the commercial supremacy of one or the other will have to be decided by arms. All the same, it is to be earnestly hoped that those who believe in peace will not relax their efforts to preserve it. A contest between two great nations would be a catastrophe almost too horrible to contemplate, and would lead to the enfeeblement both of the one and of the other. At the same time, it would be idle to conceal the fact that a cause of quarrel might spring up at any time. Material for it is ready to hand in more than one quarter of the world where both have large and important interests. To some extent, however, the peace of Europe has been ensured by the internal condition of Russia. Step by step that vast country appears to have been moving on through crime to revolution. Nothing like it has been witnessed since the great upheaval which began in France towards the end of the eighteenth century, and even the streets of Paris did not witness scenes more awful than have occurred at Warsaw and other towns in the dominion of the Czar. The world has looked on breathless, awaiting the gradual evolution of what is likely to prove a landmark in its history. Yet the revolt of the Russian Nihilists and Socialists is but part of a general movement that is further exemplified in the Reichstag defiance of the Emperor William. No doubt the Germans are acting more according to constitutional tradition, but the similarity lies in this, that they, as well as the Russians, have come to see that absolutism is a form of government unsuitable to the times in which we live.

It will never be possible to mention the year 1906 without recalling the extraordinary calamities that have occurred in it. We refer to the earthquakes and similar phenomena. In San Francisco we saw a whole city destroyed almost by one shock, and this is but one of the many misfortunes of the same kind. Yet there is no evil without a compensating good. The ill that has befallen some has given an opportunity to others of showing their generosity. Europe would gladly have gone to the help of the sufferers at San Francisco if the United States had not proudly declared that it was able to look after its own poor. And in other ways the benevolence of mankind has been conspicuously brought to the front during the past twelve months. It has been a year in which many millionaires have died. Sometimes a feeling has been expressed that the exceedingly rich are in our day a menace to the welfare of the community; but in their wills and testaments many of them have shown that they understood the responsibility of riches. They have given of their wealth freely to public purposes, endowing churches, hospitals and schools, leaving money to feed the hungry and clothe the poor, to heal the sick and succour the feeble. The Middle Ages, of which we sometimes speak with pride, might be ransacked in vain for similar examples of magnificent charity.

Our Portrait Illustration.

OUR frontispiece this week is a portrait of the Honourable Mrs. Manningham-Buller and her children. Mrs. Manningham-Buller is a daughter of Lord Chesham, and married in 1903 Captain Mervyn Manningham-Buller, the son of the late Major-General Edmund Manningham-Buller.

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COUNTRY NOTES

AFTER a stormy conflict between the Lords and the Commons, Parliament was prorogued on December 21st. The session has been a very interesting one from many points of view, and readers of *COUNTRY LIFE* will find in the Acts to which the King's Assent was asked and given several that will have a direct concern for themselves. Of the Land Tenure Bill, called after it went through the House of Lords the Agricultural Holdings Act, we shall have more to say anon. It is the one measure of the session that will have a very great effect on husbandry. Other Acts have not so much bearing upon country life. The Workmen's Compensation Act does, of course, apply to farm labourers, and the inclusion of domestic servants may possibly raise complications. As a matter of fact, the tradition is to compensate domestic servants for any accident on a generous scale, and we are afraid they are more likely to lose on the whole than to gain by being included in the operation of the Act. The other Acts do not require much more than enumeration. They are the Trades Disputes Act, which will, of course, have an effect on all those who employ labour, Education (Provision of Meals), Town Tenants (Ireland), Merchant Shipping, Street Betting, Census of Production, Licensing (Removal of Doubts), Notice of Accidents, National Galleries of Scotland, Land Tax Commissioners, Marine Insurance, Burials, Removal of Offensive Matter, Public Trustee, Recorders, Stipendiary Magistrates, Clerks of the Peace, and Expiring Laws Continuance.

He would, indeed, be a captious critic who grumbled at the Government for appointing Mr. Bryce Ambassador at New York. The post, in our opinion, is one for which he is much better fitted than for that which he held in the Ministry. The Irish Secretaryship has always been a post to test a rising reputation, a place, in fact, to make or mar a statesman; it gave to Mr. Balfour his start as a politician of the first order, and has brought grey hairs on to the heads of his predecessors. The place vacated by Mr. Bryce can be easily filled, but at New York he ought to be in his element; greatly in his favour is the fact that he has always been much thought of by our American cousins—they look upon his "Holy Roman Empire" as a classic, and the work that he wrote recently on the United States met with much acceptance there. There is every reason to hope then that the appointment is one that will give great satisfaction to all the parties concerned.

General sympathy will be felt for Mr. Balfour, who, instead of being able to spend his holidays as usual on his estate at Whittinghame, has been shut up in London with an attack of his old foe—influenza. The Leader of the Opposition is old-fashioned in the respect that he loves to be at home during Christmas. His party has the additional misfortune of having another leader laid up in the person of Mr. Chamberlain. Whatever may be the true merits of the dispute between the Lords and Commons over the Education Bill, we cannot but feel that the final debate without the assistance of these illustrious verbal swordsmen was unsatisfactory and somewhat disappointing to both sides of the House and to the country at large. All friends and opponents will join in the hope that when Parliament meets again they will both be found in their places.

Among the many reviews that will be published on the last days of the year none will be more fascinating than that which summarises the work done by the East End Emigration Fund.

Nearly everybody has noticed how it has been going on during the past year. At the railway stations one has seen crowds of men and women dressed in their humble best eating a last meal thoughtfully provided for them in the waiting-room, while the engine which is to take them to Liverpool or to some other port has already backed up in front of the long line of carriages. There is little of the pathos there which one has noticed in other emigrant scenes; most of the young people talk and laugh quite brightly, though when the train leaves the station one or two of their friends with downcast eyes may be seen turning homewards.

The year has been a very satisfactory one. In all, 3,955 people were assisted to emigrate, of whom the Central (Unemployed) Body paid for 1,760, at the expense of the rates. All the settlers, except twenty-five, were sent to Canada, and of the total number, 1,292 went out to join friends. Mr. Kirkwood, the chairman, who has visited their homes in the West, expresses himself delighted at what he saw, and appears to be astonished that prosperity can be attained so soon. It is good to think that these people, instead of being subjected longer to the hard and dreary life of the city slums, will be able henceforth to enjoy the purer air and better work of the Canadian farm. The subscriptions and donations given to meet the expenses of this emigration amounted in 1906 to over £6,000, and this was hardly sufficient. Charity could scarcely take a more worthy form than that of helping these poor people, and we trust that in 1907 the donations will be many and liberal.

THE OLD SUNDIAL.

This old mansion well I knew
When bright flowers around it grew;
Knew the simple dwellers there,
Who kept the little garden fair;
Now my gaze that garden meets
Labyrinth of neglect'd sweets.

Still the bright trees rustle round,
Still the flowerets clothe the ground;
But uncar'd for all, and wild,
Which in order'd beauty smil'd;
Gone the hands that tend'd them,
Pluck'd the blossom, tied the stem.

By this notice, I am told
The place is to be let or sold;
But the notice has been here
Standing thus for many a year;
Tenant nor buyer comes this way,
And all is sinking to decay.

Yet visitants, indeed, to me
In this lone spot there seem to be;
Again familiar tones I hear,
The very forms almost appear;
So vividly works fancy's power,
Renewing all in this sad hour.

The ancient sundial, standing there,
Does still its quaint inscription bear;
Which I once so lov'd to trace
Upon its time-recording face:
"May the hours that onward roll
Firmly knit each faithful soul."

Vain, all vain, old sundial, thou
Dost tell a diff'rent story now;
And tho' marking still aright
The hours in their unceasing flight,
Thy legend should be "Time must bring
An ending to each happy thing."

R. H. SHUCKBURGH.

Those engaged in rearing poultry will do well to take notice from the history of the Christmas just passed that the turkey has become before all others the prime favourite. It seems only a few years since this position was held by the goose, roast goose and apple sauce being part of the traditional Christmas fare; but this year turkeys were sold by the ton where geese and ducks were sold by the pound. And the reason is not hard to find. It is not only that the goose is so unprofitable a family bird, that its flesh is assumed to cost half-a-crown a pound, but it is fat, and in all departments of stock raising it has been found that the present generation will not have fat animals. For that reason the old style of sheep, of which the Cotswold was a typical example, had to give place to the Down, and even in beef a small and tender joint is the butcher's requirements. All this may probably be accounted for by the fact that while we have to eat as much fat as our forefathers, we prefer it in the more delicate form of butter. Much more butter is consumed and far less animal fat. That is probably the reason why the turkey and the chicken have gained a place superior to that occupied by the goose and the duck.

It may be remembered that when the tinned-meat scandals occurred at Chicago a determined and successful effort was made by the contractors to keep the legislature from forcing them to put the date on the tins. The argument by which they were supported was that, the vessels being sealed and air-tight, no change could take place within them, and that the time that elapsed between tinning and opening had no effect on their value. But investigations conducted on behalf of the Local Government Board by Dr. G. S. Buchanan and Dr. S. B. Schryver tend to upset their contention. It seems that consignments of tinned beef essences had been among the surplus stores of the South African War. The manufacturers of a portion of the meat complained to the Local Government Board that essences of their make had come back from the Cape and were being sold in an unsatisfactory condition. Some time after that the arrival at Southampton was reported of another consignment of 39,000 tins of essence of beef, which was valued at £700. Samples were taken from them and analysed, with the result that, although no signs of putrefaction could be detected, the fluid had dissolved the tin in which it was packed, and in consequence the essences were "unsound in the technical sense and unfit for administration to invalids." Incidental reference is made to the fact that, although beef essence is usually represented as nourishing, it is, in fact, rather a stimulant and restorative in the sick room. Evidently it cannot be of much use after being long tinned, and purchasers will do well to take note of the fact and insist upon having the date on the tins.

The Board of Education has recently issued a memorandum on music in national schools, and exception has been taken in certain quarters to its exclusion of what are known as folk-songs. We see an awkward objection, however, to the teaching of folk-song in our national schools. For the last three decades the mistresses and masters have been drawn from all over the country, and transferred to districts where the local dialect jars as much on their—let us say Cockney or Yorkshire—ears as does theirs on the inhabitants of a South Country village. The tendency, therefore, has been to eliminate local dialect altogether, and the pronunciation is being rapidly reduced to the dead level of that in use at training-school centres. Children in the South-Western Counties are, at any rate, taught to consider it "vulgar" to "talk broad"—that is, to use the fine old Anglo-Saxon vowel sounds and terminations. How, in spite of this, can they now be taught old folk-song, which is full of it? Besides, who will teach the teachers? Above and before all other considerations in the teaching of a child continuity should be considered.

At a good many of the Board schools the girl pupils are being given instruction, after the pattern set in the State schools of Germany and of Switzerland, in simple cookery, and it is said that they show themselves ready adepts in learning the elements of this craft, which ought, one would think, to make them so much the better fitted to be useful wives to the working men. In German towns it is the custom for each little cookery class of six to send out two of its number to do the marketing. Accurate accounts have to be kept, and rewards are given to the class that turns out the best and best-cooked dinner at the least expense. In their schools the girl pupils have also to acquit themselves to the satisfaction of examiners, in the making of their clothes, before they are considered to have passed all the curriculum. At our Board schools, too, sewing and the making of clothes are efficiently taught; but it appears to happen too often that when the girls enter the married state they prefer to buy tinned foods and ready-made clothes rather than be at the trouble of exercising their acquired talents of cookery and needlework. They can buy the ready-made clothes almost cheaper than the material for making up their own at home. It is one of the disadvantages—there are many who will say the only disadvantage—of free trade that it puts these temptations in their way.

In certain country districts there appears to be some recrudescence of the desire for a species of trades union among the agricultural labourers—more accurately to be styled Agricultural Labourers' Union—such as was actually formed some years ago under the auspices of Mr. Joseph Arch. That union went to pieces, probably in consequence of the difficulty of organising and keeping together the machinery where the members were so scattered. During its short life, whether for good or for evil, it certainly did something in the direction of bettering the conditions of the agricultural labourers in some districts, always assuming—that it ought to be safe to assume—that an additional shilling or two on their weekly wage implied improvement.

Probably it is not sufficiently recognised among the majority of the people who discuss trades unions in general that the question whether their existence is for good or for evil depends a great deal on the character and the conduct of the unions themselves. Even those extremists who are ready to assert roundly that trades unions are ruining the country will hardly deny, at least, that there are degrees of badness among them. They will

hardly contend that excellently-managed unions such as the Cutlers' and the Boilermakers', which apply themselves to developing a sense of responsibility in the men themselves hardly less than in the masters, are less evil than such a union as the Bricklayers', for example. Trades unions, like most human institutions, are capable of being made to serve good or evil purposes, according to the way in which their work is carried on.

There are many ways in which a motor-car, when not in use on the road, can be prevented from "eating its head off" in a country coach-house. It may be employed in driving a lathe, a churn or a circular saw or in clipping its predecessor, the horse. The latest news from the Continent states that from using it in clipping poodles, a Frenchman is adapting it to sheep-shearing and the cleansing of the fresh-cut wool. In fact, it is hard to see any limit to its possibilities of usefulness, and the man to whom expense is an object need no longer consider it merely in the light of a luxury if he will but think of what he wants done on his place, and then of how to make his car aid in doing it. There is the mowing machine and the garden roller, for instance; or the pumping in times of drought.

In the counties south of London there have been remarkable tokens of the mildness of the winter in the early flowering of the white and yellow heaths, and also in the flowering of the almond, which we commonly regard as the first among the signs of spring. The heaths are of a different habit, and can bloom under very rigorous conditions, but the almond has suffered a severe check, together with other untimely vernal appearances, by the frosts of last week. Varying on the coldest night from 12deg. to 14deg. below freezing point, temperature was actually more severe in many places than any marked in the whole of last winter. The extreme cold passed quickly, so that the frost did not go into the ground for any depth, nor sufficiently deep to destroy much of the insect-life dormant in the pupa state for the most part, which is such a useful office of the hard frost regarded from the agriculturist's point of view.

ROBIN THE BOLD.

Robin, perching on my spade,
Now that you a friend have found,
Come, to be no more afraid.
You were like a fickle maid
Ere the frost had touched the ground,
Robin, perching on my spade;
Never once my call obeyed,
Flitted roguishly around;
Come, to be no more afraid.
Not till winter's wand displayed
Earth white-robed or russet-gowned,
Robin, perching on my spade,
Did you need my friendly aid,
And, where dainties sweet abound,
Come, to be no more afraid.
Boldly now you make a raid;
Courage with reward is crowned,
Robin, perching on my spade,
Come, to be no more afraid.

EDWARD F. SHEPHERD.

An anniversary was kept the other day that reminds us of one of the great lines of progress in the nineteenth century. It commemorated the sixtieth year since the first operation in anæsthetic surgery took place in Great Britain. Before that the "sawbones," as Dickens contemptuously nicknamed the surgeon, did his work regardless of human pain, and the scenes that occurred we know to have been painful beyond the power of words to express. Two discoveries have greatly lessened the suffering of those who have had to undergo operations. One was that which we have mentioned, and the other was the antiseptic treatment so closely associated with the name of Lord Lister. The first doctor to use anæsthetics was Robert Liston, who, on December 21st, 1846, made use of sulphuric ether. Very shortly afterwards Sir James Young Simpson demonstrated the superior qualities of chloroform as an anæsthetic. The circumstances under which his studies took this direction were pathetic. At the beginning of his career he was so affected by the suffering of a poor Highland woman who had to have one of her breasts removed that he resolved to abandon the profession altogether. Happily for humanity, he changed his resolution into one to find out some means of lessening the agony incidental to that and other operations.

The purplish red colour of the young twigs, which botanists have conjectured to be Nature's hue for the protection of the chlorophyll, is far more conspicuous than usual this winter in the hedges and plantations, and certainly conspicuous at an unusually early time. It is a colour which is particularly beautiful where birches are numerous, and where their silvery stems stand out in

bright contrast against it. The bracken, which has suffered from no heavy fall of snow to lay it in the South of England, gives another rich note of colour, with rather a chestnut tint, a little lighter and brighter than the russet of the oak leaves, that still hang on some of the smaller trees, and quite distinct, again, from the deeper hues of the hedge beeches. The bramble is still as green as in summer, and all these fine contrasts are making the country-side just now even more beautiful than usual.

It will be very interesting to see whether the cutting of the Panama Canal, which we may probably take to be certain of accomplishment in the near future, will have any influence on the marine forms of life at the one end and the other of the canal. At the present time there is a sufficient likeness—in some cases

even identity—between these forms on either side of the Isthmus to indicate that in a former age there was free communication, in spite of the range of hills which now intervenes. Of course, it will be some time before the species from the two oceans can filter through the canal in sufficient numbers to produce any noticeable change, but such changes have a way of being accomplished far more quickly than we are disposed to expect. A great change, too, has passed over the conditions in which the men work on the canal in comparison with those under which Mr. Lesseps' men had to labour, for at that date the way in which malarial fever is communicated, and the means for guarding against it, were virtually not understood at all. In this respect, even more strikingly than on the engineering side of the enterprise, science has made great strides.

A MODERN SQUIRE.

IT is a sign of the times that the gentleman who is the subject of these meditations is not called The Squire among his own people, although that is his common designation in the City, where, truth to tell, he who indites these lines knows him best. Indeed, I may as well say at once that I am one of those who have been "long in city pent," and therefore cannot write with any expert knowledge of the things pertaining to country life, pasture and ploughland, hearth and homestead and all those other topics dear to poets and familiar to farmers. But I remember something of the manners and customs of Arcadia in my childhood—now further off than I care to say—and it has been interesting to note some of the changes observed during a Christmas visit to my friend's paternal acres. He himself may very well be described as a country gentleman of the new school. He came to manhood just about the time when the frightful depression in agriculture set in, and his people had the good sense to train him to business, as at that time the decreasing rent-roll threatened to vanish before he came into its enjoyment. In the City he has been a great success, and few of those who knew him in his capacity of chairman of this flourishing company and director of that would imagine that in holiday-time he could revert to the style of a simple country gentleman. Yet so it is. We went down to his place in the northern part of the Midlands a few days

before Christmas, those December days that always are so gloomy in London. Nor could any change be observed during the journey, for the simple reason that it was taken by night; but on the following morning, rising before breakfast for a stroll in the well-wooded park that surrounds the Georgian mansion which my friend had the luck to inherit, it seemed as though one had been transformed into a new world, where the sky was higher, and the landscape looked clean and pure

as compared with the smoky streets that had been left behind. My friend, too, seemed to have undergone a transformation in the night. I had always known him previously as a correctly-groomed City man; but, clad in what appeared to be an old and favourite suit of knickerbockers, in which he was not at all ashamed to display several patches, he was no longer a financial authority, but "the squire" in very truth. The part came to him naturally, because it was not an assumed one. He was only reverting to what he had been in his youth. During breakfast, which is always so much more delightful a meal in the country than it is in town, he laughingly recalled many incidents of his youth for the purpose of showing how the population had changed in the interim. The house is very secluded, being six miles from the nearest little side station, and twelve miles from the small market town. For this reason, probably, the rustics remain primitive and unsophisticated much longer here than they do in other parts of England. He told me they had always been more or less



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A FROZEN LAKE.

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civilised on the actual estate, but there was a hamlet lying just outside his grounds where the inhabitants had been the most absolute pagans in his boyhood. He recollected the time when two old carters had seen an effusive new curate shaking hands with someone for the first time in their lives. "His arm went like a pump-handle, Bob," one told another. For those grey old labourers never used any salutation of hail or farewell, caresses were unknown among the children and women, and ordinary civility undreamed of by the men. What put this into his head was that on a previous visit to his property he had overheard a woman worker saying to another, "Let me introduce So-and-so," and such phrases as "sorry," "Beg your pardon," and so forth, had been gradually creeping into their vocabulary. This kindled a feeling of disgust in their elders, who thought fine manners a certain prelude to decay. However, the Squire proposed that I should have an opportunity of judging for myself. It is his custom when coming down just before Christmas to make a perambulation of the half-dozen farms or so lying adjacent to the house in order that he may hear what complaints are to be made and cultivate friendly relations with his tenants and labourers. For, you see, commerce has not spoiled my friend. He is a living illustration of the fact that a man may be very able in



H. Grundy. *THE PATH BY THE BROOK.* Copyright

the conduct of affairs and still understand and fulfil his duties as a country gentleman. So we agreed to start as soon as he had performed certain little duties that he took up quite naturally when he was at home. It may be mentioned that there is no lady in the house to oversee matters, and that his dependence as far as household affairs go is placed on a white-haired old housekeeper who, thirty years ago, was a trusted servant of his father. Into his study, into which he cordially invited me, she came after breakfast and discussed certain details of household expenditure that it would be tedious to go into here. Then came the butler with his proposals for the day's feeding and other matters of almost equal importance. After him a man who is a sort of mixture of estate agent, bailiff and steward told his story of a farm rendered vacant by death, of proposals for draining a certain piece of boggy or marsh land, and purchases of livestock that had been made. The two had a most learned conversation concerning a new shorthorn cow that was spoken of as respectfully as an officer of the Grand Turk might speak of a Circassian girl. Their conversation was mostly Greek to me, and what I feared was that it might fill up the whole of the forenoon. Provisionally, however, a diversion was made by the entrance of the keeper, who had an even more enthralling tale to tell of the pheasants that were waiting to be shot, of the partridges that



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had been so inconsiderate as not to breed in large numbers during the past year, of hares, rabbits and foxes, and of the shooting party that was to arrive for a great shoot on Christmas Eve. He, too, seemed to have matter for a volume of talk, but my friend either got to the end or had pity on my patience, for he at length dismissed this functionary also, and we were free to begin our walk. The morning was ideal for such a tramp. It was certainly cold, the pools were frozen, and certain clouds that were sailing across the blue sky seemed to prognosticate some kind of change. And, indeed, before we had gone very far the dropping of one or two broad flakes of snow told us what we had to expect. But the weather was really of very little consequence. It was not sufficiently wild at any time to be uncomfortable, and our walk proved to lie chiefly over hills and dry pastures. My friend's estate lies in the middle of a dairy country, and the first steading we came to was one where, in addition to the usual cows, there was a numerous collection of domestic fauna. The pigs, to my uninstructed eye, were uncountable, and if any of the poultry had been sent to market, there must have been a most extraordinary demand very early in the day. I must say, too, that the impression of the place was one of unmitigated mud. Probably it is all very healthy and very fine, but to one whose feet are more familiar with the

paving-stones of Cheapside than with a cattle-yard, stepping appeared to offer some difficulty. The tenant, too, was extremely

well fitted to his surroundings, as neither in dress nor in cleanliness did he seem to try to bring about any contrast. He proved to be very voluble, however. There was some new outhouse or other structure of that kind that he wanted his landlord to build, and he set forth reasons for doing so with a flow of words that would have been no discredit to the most eloquent of Mr. Keir Hardie's followers. A walk of about a mile brought us to a homestead of a very different kind. The house stands in the middle of an orchard, and though the trees were bare and the grass frozen, it still wore an attractive, comfortable look that made one fall in love at once with rustic life. Inside there was a bevy of maidens, daughters of the occupier, who had been engaged in the task of making cheese, and were healthy and wholesome examples of the sort of girl that one expects, though too often only to be disappointed, to meet on a farm. Their manners, too, had just that mixture of shyness natural to good breeding which one likes. Moreover, neither they nor their father had any complaint to make. Indeed, on this occasion it was the landlord who held forth to them on their duties. It appears that the second eldest had jilted a respectable tenant farmer whom he was particularly desirous of beholding



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settled in life, and half in banter, half in earnest, he addressed many reproaches to her on the subject, while the girls produced at his request some of their home-made meat and cakes, on which we refreshed ourselves before resuming the journey. Excellent they both were, and I could not help sympathising with my friend in his disappointment; because it seems evident that, if farmers marry, women like these ought to be their wives. He told me several instances of young farmers who had fallen in love with beauties from the neighbouring town, who cast a kindly eye on the sturdy and well-to-do young agriculturists, but being entirely unfitted to the life on a farm brought happiness neither to the man of their choice nor to themselves. Such incidents, however, appear to be inevitable in these days, when the young people of a district are by no means confined to their own locality, but receive many social invitations from those who dwell in town, and who are always glad to have them as visitors. The next place we went to was what he called a tenancy of mixed farming, and one of which the occupier had just died. It was being carried on by the widow, with the occasional help of a son, but the latter could not come often, as he had a holding on a neighbouring estate which required most of his attention, and he wished to take his mother and one or two of his sisters to live with him. What my friend pointed out about them was somewhat whimsical. They were not broken-hearted about leaving the farm, although they had been on it for several generations; but they were extremely anxious to carry with them two little stone idols that stood on the garden wall. These idols (I do not know if they were really idols, but my friend called them so) were in reality the landlord's property, as they had been placed there over 200 years ago by an ancestor of my host. But the people had come to associate their fortunes with them, and begged most pathetically that they might be allowed to carry them away and put them up at the holding on which they were going to reside. The request was granted, but, on going away, The Squire enlarged on the curious foibles of people who are engaged in husbandry. He looked in at the village churchyard, which happened to be not very far from that particular farm, and pointed a moral by means of certain eloquent epitaphs and memorials that generations had been in the habit of raising to their dead. Even as he spoke, the snow that had been threatening all day began to come down in a thick shower that soon laid a white carpet alike on cottage and homestead, on unheadstoned mound and memorial cross.

THE HOUR OF THE FLIGHT

"MEN shut their doors against the setting sun." Thus, in words brief, but full of meaning, one of our greatest bards depicts the familiar scene. To some of us, however, this hour of sunset is the time of action, and as the last rays of light flicker away in the West we recall long vigils by marsh, lake and sea. The wind "soughing" in the chimney calls back memories of lonely shores, of rocky headlands, of mud-flats, creeks and bays; of the wind-driven surf and of a wind-swept sea. The glamour of wild-fowling is upon us, and once more we are drawn as by a magnet to some fisherman's cottage or village inn where we dwell in bygone days. We seek out old comrades, and a warm welcome awaits us at their hands; for with the stern but kindly dwellers on this lonely coast-line, it is true that "absence makes the heart grow fonder," and though some, alas! have joined the great majority, a few still remain to keep their memories green.

In a small thatched cottage close to the shore the old fowler dwells—a bearded veteran of some three-score years or more. His wife, one of the few remaining Highland women who "have not the English," greets us in the old Gaelic tongue, her wrinkled face lighting up as she recognises a familiar voice. Donald is out, it seems, and, as in former days, she does not expect him home till dark. Guided by sure knowledge of the old man's haunts we make our way to the shore, and the pale half-crescent of a November moon steals forth from the clouds as we reach the coast-line. We pause for a moment and gaze with wonder at the ever-changing splendour of sky and sea.

The black darkness of an autumn night gathers in the East, and the wind moans plaintively from the North. In the West light still lingers, and fleecy snow-clouds tinged with red absorb, as it were, the life-blood of a dying sun. There are voices echoing through the gloom, and far out to sea flocks of strange birds float on the crests of the foaming waves. The coast-line is long, low and barren. Here and there a storm-beaten rock rises from the water like some motionless sentry of the beach. There are mud-banks here, such as the widgeon love, and salt-marshes stretch for miles along the shore. Creeks intersect the mud-flats, and in one of these lies a half-stranded punt, in which sits the grey-bearded veteran, the object of our quest. At his feet a dog crouches, a rough-haired mongrel, half terrier, half spaniel, with the trace of other breeds in his deep muzzle and small drooping

ears. The spoils of the day, a heap of widgeon and four Brent geese, show that the old man's toil has met with its reward. Now the hour of the flight draws nigh and Donald's face is a study as we emerge from the gloom and join him in the punt. We may pass over his kindly welcome and his offer of the gun, gratefully declined.

In his hand is a double ten-bore, chambered for 3in. cases, loaded with heavy charges such as those used by fowl by night. His gnarled visage and rugged features speak of a life of toil and exposure, and his massive limbs betoken strength far above that of the average man. As the light dies away in the East he rises, stretches himself, and knocks out the embers of his pipe. The dog, roused by his master's movements, likewise prepares for action, and wags his short, stumpy tail. The hour of the flight is at hand, and ere long the fowl will leave the sea for their feeding-grounds. The fowler dons his mud-pattens and places decoys in position on the pools of water hard by the creek.

The weird silence of the beach is broken by a low plaintive cry, and a flock of peewits flits by through the gathering dusk. The man sits motionless, the edges of the creek screening him from view, but he seeks higher game, and the plovers pass by unscathed. An oyster-catcher calls "good-night" to his mate and gulls float past drifting with the wind. A heron croaks harshly on his homeward way. The first of the night feeders moves, and a snipe swoops down to the feast, "scape, scape." To these the fowler gives no heed, but at length the dog pricks his ears and gazes seawards. The whistle of widgeon sounds overhead, and a flock passes over on hurrying wings. Their cry is answered, and the decoy call echoes shrill through the night. They swoop downwards, drawn by the veteran's skill, for the old man is a master of the art of calling. Now they see the decoys and circle round his head. The ten-bore speaks forth its message of death, and a double report is followed by three splashes as its victims fall from the flock. One is only winged, and, in answer to his master's nod, the dog speeds across the ooze, soon to return bearing the wounded bird tenderly in his mouth. "Quack, quack," a pair of mallard follow, and they too fall to the fowler's unerring aim. Thus passes the hour of the flight and, when all is over, the victims are gathered one by one.

Another night we may find him in the marshes, and perchance he will share with us some of his boundless knowledge of the ways and the habits of the fowl. He may tell us how each voice of the night has its meaning, and how to interpret each and to know its cause. We may learn from him that the heron at times fishes by night, though by nature a day feeder and a lover of the sunlit streams; that duck come in to the feeding-grounds head to wind, feeding up wind as the deer, and resting thus also during the day. Under his guidance we shall visit the mud-banks where the Brent feed on the sea-grass, and may see them at dawn as they root up the succulent food. As the first gleam of light appears in the East the night feeders leave the marshes and the day feeders come to the banquet. At daybreak he may lead us to some lonely mountain tarn, with reed-clad shallows, shelving sand-banks and rocky bays. Here the fowl rest by day and hither they come at dawn—widgeon, mallard, teal, tufted duck and perchance a golden-eye from the farther North. There are stubbles above the marshes fringing the shore, and much grain has "shaken" ere harvest was at an end. Here the fowler has dug pits with much labour, and here we lie hid at dusk and at dawn. Duck are our quarry at nightfall, geese at dawn, and in rough weather our bags are heavy and our hearts are light. We find that the duck come in to feed at sunset; but when the moon rises a second flight takes place. Their appetites satiated and their hunger appeased, they adjourn to the nearest water, and on a clear night they find us there facing the moon. On clear nights in winter we prowl from creek to creek and from ditch to ditch, where open water draws the fowl when all else is frozen hard. When the wind blows cold from the north, when snow falls or driving rain lashes our faces, we crouch low in our shelters with high hopes, and excitement warms our blood, for well we know that the duck travel low on a stormy night. Thus, by the light of the sun, and by the pale, cold radiance of the moon, the fowler earns his living and the gunner wins his sport.

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THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, BLAKENEY.

THE fifteenth century font in the church of Blakeney in Norfolk stands in one of those imposing buildings that are frequently to be met with on the Norfolk Coast, the easy means of transport by water and the wealth that in former days gathered about the small ports and harbours of the county making the erection of such edifices an easier matter than the building of churches further inland where roads scarcely existed. The octagonal basin of the font

has sculptured on its panels the emblems of the Evangelists alternately with seated ecclesiastical figures bearing a book or scroll; and the stem has carved upon its sides the emblems of the Passion, one of them representing the sacred heart, surrounded by rays of glory, together with the pierced hands and feet. There are a whole cluster of fonts in the county that have the same character as that of Blakeney, and are often of beautiful architectural proportions; but although throughout various districts their designs differ greatly, yet their family resemblance leaves little doubt that certain groups must have been the work of one master mason, whose designs were probably perpetuated by his pupils. The church of Blakeney is dedicated to St. Nicholas, the patron of sailors, and as such stands in an eminently befitting situation; it dominates a small harbour, which is reached by a steep and winding village street leading almost directly from the western portal of the church to the quay; the fine pinnacled tower, 104ft. high, stands on rising ground at an eminence of 116ft., consequently it is a mark for mariners a considerable distance from the shore, and is likewise visible on the country-side for many miles. Blakeney, together with its near neighbour Cley, scarce a mile distant, formed a port of some importance in the fourteenth century, in the reign of Richard II. Its mariners on account of former signal services were exempt from being impressed in His Majesty's navy. It had at that time a famous fish fair, and in the reign of Elizabeth the town was reckoned as important as King's Lynn, while both were coupled to furnish ships of 60 tons against the Armada. Many foreign merchants settled in Blakeney, as at Cley, and many people of influence and wealth had property in and about it. In these days it possesses a small harbour, which is reached by a narrow and tortuous channel through the salt marshes and moorland that lie betwixt it and the sea, while the flats and salt marshes are a haven and feeding-ground for sea-birds in general, and also for rare birds of passage, hence a veritable paradise for ornithologists. In its season some acres of this intermediate land is rich with the bloom of the sea-lavender, which flourishes in great abundance, and the whole aspect of the place has a weird picturesqueness which in its degree has no small attraction, and it shares with Cromer, not far distant, the peculiarity of having become a coast town through the tragic drowning of yet another village that the hungry sea has engulfed in the past.

Blakeney Church resembles many more of the same size and period in the county, with its lofty fifteenth century nave, clerestory and aisles. It is possessed of a remarkable chancel, with a groined stone roof, of the twelfth century which is probably unique in Norfolk; but from the rest of it the nineteenth century restoration, which, although doubtless praiseworthy, has effectively obliterated much of the magic touch of time. On the northern side of the church, and connected with it, facing the sea, stands a tall and narrow pinnacled tower, with wide windows, where in former days was kept the light that directed the ships into harbour, at a period when such lights as the English coast possessed were principally in the hands of the religious communities. Of this curious relic of an ecclesiastical Pharos it is said that if the fishermen when out at sea got the turret in a line

with the greater church tower they were in the right course for the harbour. Blakeney in those early days was so promising a place for enterprising men that it did not remain long without a community of friars settling in its midst; as a county Norfolk abounded with priories and religious houses of various grades—a sufficient evidence, if no other had been on record, of its wealth; here close to the church are the remains of a priory of Carmelites, founded as early as 1293, chiefly by a Sir William Roos and his wife, who was an heiress of John de Valibus, a family of some standing in their day. The family of Roos were throughout much of their history beneficent benefactors to various fine Norfolk churches, where their arms are often to be seen among those of other



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THE FONT IN BLAKENEY CHURCH.

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influential patrons of ecclesiastical buildings. Sir William Roos, however, appears to have been of a practical turn of mind, for he stipulated not only that the friars should pray for the good estate of himself and his wife, but that in default of so doing the friars should be excommunicated; furthermore that he and his lady should have at all times free entrance to the house whenever it suited their purpose to stay there, which last was a state of things likely to develop into something akin to a nuisance in any state of society, especially of that era, while the reservation of excommunication sounds somewhat drastic, and the whole transaction suggests that the gallant knight had learnt business among the sharp-witted merchants of a thriving port.

THE STOCKWELL STUD.

BREEDERS of bloodstock in this country may be divided into several classes. There is the wealthy individual who breeds for his own amusement, and with a view to the maintenance of his racing establishment with animals of his own rearing. Such breeders as this can, if they either themselves possess, or, as is often the case, are able to command the services of someone who does possess, an intimate knowledge of breeding, remain independent of "fashion," and can afford to make experiments, the results of

which are often of the greatest service to the race of English thorough-breds. Then come those rearers of bloodstock who breed from a purely commercial point of view. They look forward to the annual sale of the yearlings reared in their



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OLD STONE BUILDINGS.

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establishments, in the same way as a farmer reckons upon the sale of his crops, and it is incumbent upon them to send to market "fashionably-bred" stock, that is to say, yearlings sired by stallions for whose produce there happens to be a demand. It may be that they command good prices for stock so bred but it does not follow that even these prices are commensurate with the risk incurred. Heavy fees have to be paid for the services of the most fashionable sires, some of whom are by no means to be

relied upon for getting their mares in foal, and when they fail to do so, both the loss of the service fee and that of a year in the life of the mare have to be taken into consideration. From a national point of view the style of breeding brought about by the craze for the so-called



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fashionable sires has a distinct disadvantage, in that it deprives many a good stallion of the chance of showing what he could do were suitable opportunities placed at his disposal. That this is actually the case may be seen in the successful breeding of race-horses of the highest class in Ireland, where breeders have the courage of their convictions, and do not hesitate to make use of stallions which would in many cases have been entirely neglected by English breeders.

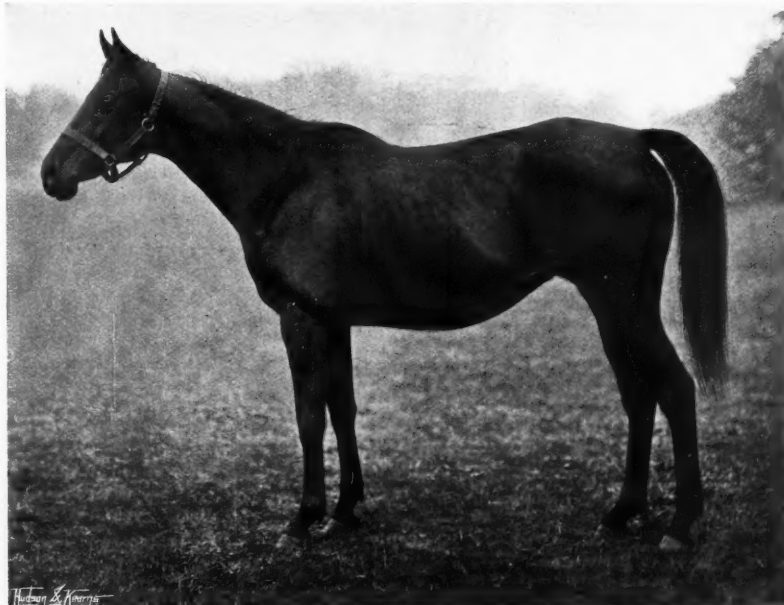
To another class belong those breeders who, farming on a large scale, look upon the breeding of thorough-bred stock as part and parcel of the routine of their farmwork. The majority of them are practical horsemen, many of them take an interest in racing, and there are but few of them who do not know at least as much about the breeding and rearing of bloodstock as many a fashionable breeder. Such a breeder as this is Mr. Ladley, the present occupier of the once famous Stockwell Stud Farm. It is but a very short journey from York to Ulleskelf Station, which is within an easy drive of the farm, where the boxes now in use are as good, to all intents and purposes, as they were on the day when the builders' work was finished some sixty-six years ago. So admirably constructed were these buildings for the purpose for which they were intended, that I had hoped to be able to give a pictorial contrast of them as compared with the modern and completely up-to-date buildings erected by Sir J. Thursby at the Blink Bonny Stud. Circumstances, however, interfered; but the illustrations which accompany these lines will serve to show the solidity of workmanship and the admirable design of the constructions carried out in accordance with the wishes of the then Lord Londesborough.

It is, perhaps, needless to say that the land on which the Stockwell Stud Farm is situated is admirably adapted for the breeding and rearing of bloodstock. The soil itself runs to an average depth of 2ft., with a substratum of limestone; the natural drainage is so good that even in the wettest season the paddocks never become cold and saturated with water. Limestone is abundant, so much so that it was employed in the construction of the comfortable English house now occupied by Mr. Ladley and of all the buildings in connection with the farm. There is an ample range of pasture for the young bloodstock, the paddocks specially set apart for their use being kept clean and wholesome by the sheep and cattle, the feeding off by which forms a considerable portion of the ordinary economy of the farm. It is the firm conviction of the writer that bloodstock bred and reared along with the cattle and sheep on a farm are healthier, hardier, and less likely to go wrong in their wind than those brought up by the more artificial methods in use on farms devoted to no other purpose than that of breeding horses. Space, too, is essential to their well-being, and, as has been pointed out on previous occasions, the success attained by Irish breeders is largely due to the limited numbers of bloodstock on their farms, as compared with the extent of ground set apart for their use. In this connection it is interesting to note that Mr. Ladley does not care to keep more than ten mares on 350 acres of land, 150 of which are pasture.

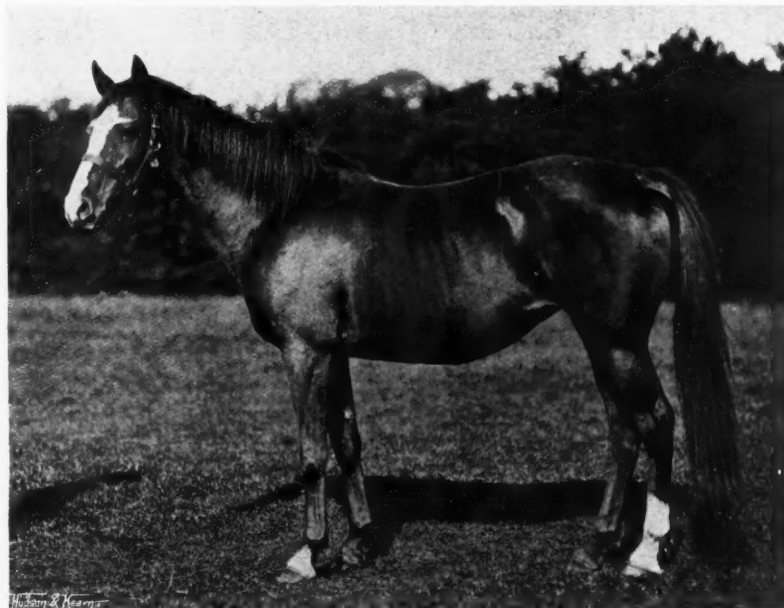
At Kirby Grange evidences of good farming and a knowledge of agriculture are forthcoming in every direction, with such effect that the Stockwell Stud is looked upon as being the show farm of the property of which it forms part. Just now, however, our business lies principally with the bloodstock. "There," says Mr. Ladley, "is the box in which Stockwell stood"; and, as he speaks, a game and honest-looking head, with a white star on the forehead, looks out over the top of the lower half of the open door. It is the head of Galloping Lad, the stallion who is now residing in what was years ago the home of Stockwell, perhaps the most famous of all the stallions whose names are inscribed within the pages of the Stud Book. Galloping Lad himself, whose detailed pedigree is here given, is a well-coloured bay horse standing 16h., by Galopin out of Braw Lass. Owing to an accident he was never able to show what deeds he might have accomplished as a race-horse; but of the five mares covered by him in his first season at the



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stud, one slipped her foal, and the produce of the others all won races.

GALLOPING LAD (1883).	GALOPIN (1872).	Vedette	Voltigeur	Voltaire	Blacklock
			Mrs. Ridgway	Martha Lynn	Dam by Phantom
		Flying Dutchman		Birdcatcher	Mulatto
				Nan Darrell	Leda
				Bay Middleton	Sir Hercules
	Flying Dutchess	Merpole		Barbelle	Guiccioli
				Voltaire	Inheritor
		Daughter of		Daughter of	Nell
				Wild Dayrell	Sultan
				Daughter of	Cobweb
BRAW LASS (1888).	See Saw	Buccaneer		Brockett	Sandback
				Protection	Darioletta
		Margery Daw		Newminster	Blacklock
				Seclusion	Mare by Phantom
				Marsyas	Juniper
	Pr. Louise Victoria	Hermit		Princess of Wales	Mare by Sorcerer
					Ion
		Louise Victoria			Ellen Middleton
					Little Red Rover
					Eclat

He is quite one of the best bred of the sons of his sire. The majority of his stock win races, and the second day of the recent Manchester Meeting found him credited with Longcroft, the winner of the Ellesmere Handicap, John Gilpin, who won the Ordsall Nursery Handicap, and the Crow More gelding, winner of the Pendleton Plate. Mention of John Gilpin reminds me that the well-balanced brown colt who happened to be the first of the yearlings we saw on the occasion

of our visit was by Galloping Lad out of Economy, and, therefore, own brother to the good colt alluded to above; and it may well be that the youngster will eventually prove to be better than his older brother, for he has quite a St. Simon character about him, and is so truly shaped that he is bound to race. Then, too, there was a powerful, big-framed colt by Galloping Lad out of Foxglove, by Foxhall, whose career is likely enough to be a good one, and another one by the same sire out of Belgravia, who should do well for her purchaser. Good specimens, too, of the stock reared at the Stockwell Stud Farm were the filly by Galloping Lad out of Lotus Land, by Satiety, and the one by

Avington out of Lady Clifton; and the young daughter of Queen's Birthday and Waistband was so



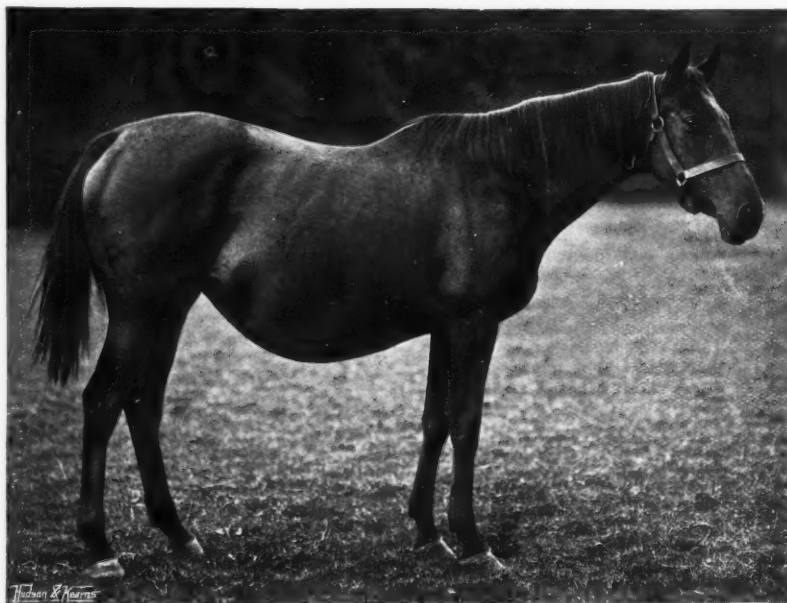
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sharp, level and full of quality that she should be able to steal an advantage over most of her competitors before many yards of a race have been covered; in connection with this filly it may be noted that her dam traces to Pocahontas at a distance of but three removes, and is a member of the famous No. 3 family.

The yearlings had been brought into a fine 24-acre paddock for inspection, which terminated, we started on a walk round the farm with the idea of seeing the brood mares and foals as we made our round. Under a shady tree we came across Foxglove, a nice lengthy mare of the No. 12 family, by Wenlock, with a colt foal by Galloping Lad, to whom she is now in foal, and Lady Clifton (dam of Clifton-hall), a mare by Rosebery, and also of the No. 12 family; close to her side was her filly foal

by Galloping Lad, who will also be the sire of her next produce. By Rosebery, too, is Noble Rose, a No. (2) family mare, with a lengthy, racing-like filly by Simontault, and in foal to Galloping Lad. Away in a further corner of the spacious enclosure was Belgravia, a Royal Hampton mare out of Gammer, by Dutch Skater, with a good colt foal by Lord Bobs, whom this year she has forsaken to return to Galloping Lad. A beautifully-bred mare is Economy (2), by Melanion out of Ways and Means, by Isonomy. She had been on a visit to Pride, and had with her a filly by Galloping Lad, and therefore own sister to the yearling colt already described, and to John Gilpin, the winner of the Ordsall Nursery at Manchester. Still continuing our round, in another paddock we found Luff a Lee, a Carbine mare out of Luffness, by Forager, in foal to the Wisdom Stud sire, Lord Bobs, and with a really nice filly by Galloping Lad; and with her was Waistband 3, by Robert the Devil out of Cestus, her dam Pocahontas. All this mare's



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A FINE YEARLING YARD.

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produce win races, and so, no doubt will her filly foal by Galloping Lad.

Breeders of thorough-bred stock do not receive in this country that assistance from the Government which falls to the lot of those similarly occupied in other countries. It may be that in the long run it is best so; but those who purchase bloodstock for racing purposes might in many cases, and with considerable advantage to themselves, contribute not a little to the encouragement of breeders in general and farmer breeders in particular by bestowing a little more time and discrimination on the purchasing of the yearlings they buy at the various sales of bloodstock. Many of these buyers are very wealthy; they will crowd to the sale of some fashionable stud and bid thousands of pounds for yearlings, more often than not simply because they think it is the thing to buy something bred by "So and So," sometimes because someone else is possessed with the idea of buying the same animal, and not infrequently because the youngster in question is sired by a stallion who, by force of having had a lot of the best mares in the country sent to him, happens to have become the sire of one or two good winners. Hundreds of well-grown, well-bred yearlings sent up for sale by small breeders, by tenant farmers, or from what may be called unfashionable studs, pass almost unnoticed every year, but they win, at least, as many races as do the great majority of the "crack" yearlings. It is indeed more than probable that many a big race would be won by some of the low-priced yearlings were it not that, even if they have been nominated by their breeder, more often than not they are "struck out" by the purchaser, simply because they have been cheaply bought, or perhaps because, being a man of moderate means himself, he hesitates to incur the liability for the forfeits. In many cases the purchaser congratulates himself on the bargain he has made, but the breeder is forgotten. Men of leisure and wealth who race might find a pleasant means of seeing something of the country, and of doing a good turn to breeders, if they were to go on a tour of inspection of the smaller studs before the disposal of the yearlings. They would be heartily welcome, and would find for themselves that, apart from the question of picking out a promising yearling, a stroll round the farm and a chat with some of the yeoman farmers of England would open their eyes on many questions of interest, and not improbably set them thinking on matters of graver import than even the breeding or the buying of a possible Derby winner.

T. H. B.

WILD COUNTRY LIFE

THE HAUNTS OF THE PTARMIGAN.

DURING the early months of the winter it is rare indeed to experience a day fine enough to venture to the dominions of these beautiful birds, but when such a day is taken advantage of, the risk and trouble of an excursion to the mountains are amply repaid. Morven, close on 3,000ft. above the sea-level, is one of the most prominent mountains of Aberdeenshire, and being at a considerable distance from the nearest eagle's eyrie, is an ideal home for the ptarmigan. Lying between the valleys of the rivers Dee and Don, it experiences the full force of the snow blizzards which sweep across from the Spey, and usually has snow in its corries until past the longest day. The morning chosen for the ascent dawns unpromisingly, with the atmosphere heavy with a November fog, and mist obscuring the higher grounds. However, as the preceding day was an ideal one for the hills, it is decided to take all chances, and set out for the base of the hill some nine miles distant. The lower reaches of the hill are favourite haunts of the red grouse, and everywhere these rise at your feet with their noisy "kurr, kurr, kobak-bak-bak." It is noticed that the majority of the birds are paired, and very few "packs" are met with during the climb. The hill seems strangely desolate to one who has roamed on it principally during the spring and early summer months, when the beautiful wailing whistle of the curlew and golden plover was everywhere to be heard. Now, however, only the call-notes of the grouse break the silence. At a height of about 1,500ft. the first mountain hare is met with. He is seen a long way off, and looks exactly like a small patch of snow, until the glasses make

him out to be a hare in almost full winter dress; but what appeared snow white to the naked eye is seen to have a brownish tinge through the binoculars. Strange to say, although quite a small colony of hares is disturbed, this individual is the only one which has changed to its winter coat, the rest being in their almost full summer dress, and as they run along the hillside they are very difficult to make out, while the hare with the white coat would offer an easy mark indeed to any bird of prey. Halfway up the mountain, at a height of perhaps 2,000ft., is a large plateau, from which the neighbouring crofters obtain their supply of peat, and here it is noted with surprise that sheep are still grazing, although usually they have left their summer quarters ere this, and a certain amount of risk must be run by leaving them on the mountains at this season, for even as late as the third week of last May hundreds were smothered in the snow as a result of a sudden storm. Soon two tiny specks are discerned in the far distance. They look for all the world like snowdrifts, and are taken for such until half-an-hour's hard walking reveals them to be a pair of ptarmigan crouching low on some rocks. At the sight of the intruder they run noiselessly off. At the 2,500ft. line the pools are found to be covered with a layer of thick ice and frozen snow, although on the lower reaches the day was quite warm. Finding the summit of a mountain without a compass is no easy matter, even though the ground is known, as you think, by heart; but at length the cairn is seen looming through the mist. A pair of ptarmigan rise at your feet and flit through the mist like ghosts. They have not yet assumed their full winter plumage, but few of their autumn feathers remain, and they seem almost as white as the snow. Just as the cairn is reached, the mist suddenly rises with wonderful effect, as though a curtain had been lifted. A view of surpassing grandeur is obtained from the summit, and all around you hear the ptarmigan calling. Probably owing to a sudden change in the temperature, the mist has risen from all the hills except the far-distant Cairn Gorm, and Loch-na-Gar and Ben Avon (4,000ft.) stand out prominently to the westward, with their upper reaches coated with white. Loch Muich, in the royal deer forest, is seen in the distance, and behind Ben Avon the great precipices of Beinn a' Bhuidh stand out in the setting sun, their snow-capped summits tinged with a glorious pink. Here is solitude indeed, and as you gaze on all these charms, you feel yourself brought into closer touch with the Being who has given man the privilege of enjoying the great beauties created by His hands. The short winter's day is now drawing rapidly to a close, so, after a last lingering look at the mountains to the west, the descent is begun. A pair of ptarmigan rise startled at your feet, the cock bird uttering his croaking cry, and a little lower down you flush a covey of at least a dozen, which fly rapidly round the shoulder of the hill; at least one grouse accompanies them. It seems to be the case that many of the ptarmigan remain paired throughout the year, and the cock in these cases uses his nesting call all through the year. When, however, the birds are in coveys or packs, absolute silence is the rule when they take wing. The last part of the descent is made in darkness, and all around the grouse rise, uttering startled cries. From a croft at the foot of the hill there float up to you the strains of the bagpipes, the tune being "At the back of Benacnie," which is very appropriate, seeing that only an hour or so before you had an uninterrupted view of that famous hill. Thus fittingly closes a day with Nature which will ever live in the memory.

SETON P. GORDON.

LIFE IN A CORNISH FISHING PORT.

SUMMER visitors to the coast of the duchy who admire, languidly or in raptures according to their mood, the craft of fisherfolk, running before the wind or lying with folded wings inside the harbour, which fill the canvas of their holiday, rarely know aught of the inner life, with its deeper under-currents, of the village. Tales of misery match indifferently with the blaze of sunshine, the music of dancing waters and the rich harvest of moonlit seas.

It is a frame of blue and gold, in which the picture of hardship has no business. As, moreover, the fisherfolk are uncommunicative, hugging their troubles under a dull indifference, pathetic in its un-murmuring resignation, the August visitor, seeing the community only in the heyday of its year, has no suspicion of the wretchedness that broods over the West Country with the coming of winter. Even in summer-time he may see evidences of hard work and small returns, but this is no monopoly



FIRST OFF TO THE FISHING-GROUNDS.



WHERE THE YACHTS LIE.

of one industry. He may learn that the pilchard drivers stay at sea from sunset to dawn in a night of stress, returning with clean nets and empty decks; he may even gather that this means a dozen hours of toil and exposure for three men, who have not, between them, earned the price of a loaf of bread. They may even be the losers, for should a shark or porpoise get entangled in nets already stiff with a "last" of fish, away go nets and fish, leaving only the torn remnants of the gear that mean a week's mending for the gaffer who can no longer go afloat. There comes a September night of plenty, following which half the fleet labour back to quay next morning with decks awash and every hold crammed with pilchards; down come the prices with a run, until the gleaners are little better off than they were with the meagre catches and high prices of lean nights in July.

All this, but no more, the summer visitor sees, and, sympathetic, pities, but at that clement season there is little illness and less want. If he would know the depths to which the vicissitudes of a precarious trade can sink these brave and God-fearing folk, let him visit them, as I have done, in a January blizzard, when the fleet lies stormbound at the quays, bow to stern, for weeks together. Now are the short and bitter days when fathers, bent on keeping the wolf at bay, tramp hungry along miles of lanes for an armful of firewood and sometimes—who shall blame them? not I, by my fay!—turn aside from the beaten track to see whether a rabbit trap they know of holds that which may drive starvation from the door. In these dark days, when disease fastens its grip on the emaciated forms of underfed children, there is no chance of fishing, and Cornwall sends little fish to Billingsgate. Sybarites in their cosy clubs eat their sole or turbot as before, but these are

the harvest of East Coast fishers in the North Sea, and the duchy reaps no benefit from their feasting between New Year and Eastertide. Even to the hardened cynic of cities there is something wholly admirable in the loyalty with which these simple, hungry chapel-folk stand together in time of stress. They may gossip and backbite when all goes smoothly. Indeed, prosperity is a passport to disfavour, and tongues wag bitterly over any who raise themselves above the ruck. Yet let illness once enter a house, and where else is so much practical sympathy and ready aid? I have sometimes

tried from hearsay to estimate the weekly earnings, year in year out, of these Cornishmen, but it is difficult in a traffic of such fluctuating returns, with the pendulum swinging between such wide extremes, to average good times and bad. On the whole, I imagine that a wage of 13s. a week is a fair average. Here, then, is a princely income of little more than £33 a year, out of which to keep self, wife and a family of perhaps half-a-dozen hungry bairns, who almost visibly outgrow their clothes.

Let us glance for a moment at the work and wage of a night's pilchard driving as some index to the rest. I have often, for the fun of the thing, performed a small fraction of the work, which confers at any rate the privilege of writing with vivid memories of an aching back, wet feet and cracked palms.

The lugger sails out of the harbour rather before sunset, and she may go one mile or ten, according to the supposed whereabouts of the shoals, before the sail comes down and the nets are shot. The business of shooting, though performed with an instinctive judgment that puzzles the landsman, is no very arduous labour, for, with the movement of the boat, the nets run out by themselves. Then follows a brief rest, with the comfort of a pipe and a mug of strong tea, after which comes the painful



SATURDAY MORNING: PUTTING THE NETS AWAY.

work of hauling a mile of nets, heavy even with the drag of weed and water, and heavier still, on lucky nights, by a ton of pilchards. The fish have to be shaken out on deck as the net comes in, and, if wind and tide are against the men, the hauling may occupy a couple of hours. That is the work. Now for the wage. With a "last" of fish, *i.e.*, 12,000, each of the two men who help the owner may, with average summer prices, get £1 for the night's work. They may likewise earn nothing. They may even be drowned. It is true that my Cornish friends do not adventure far from land for days together, or even for weeks, like those who from East Coast ports go trawling or line-fishing on the more distant grounds of the North Sea. Their boats are not designed for these long voyages, nor do the three surface-feeding fishes—the mackerel, the pilchard and the herring, which between them furnish nine-tenths of their livelihood—demand such pilgrimages to the deep water. The longest voyages are those made in spring by the mackerel boats, which may sail thirty miles or forty miles out into the channel ere they are encouraged to shoot the nets. The pilchard drivers only make a night of it. Their fishing is all in the darkness, the cloak of which alone lends any prospect of success to this method, so they keep their beds in the sunshine, when other folk are abroad, and do their work when the rest of their world is abed. Such is the topsy-turvydom of their life, turning day into night and night into day, as if they were actors, journalists, or the gay folk of Belgravia. In their life, the gaiety is a little hard to find. The small hooker, unlike those who use nets, earns his pittance by day, so that he escapes the additional hardship involved in toiling all night long. Yet there is little of indulgence in his working day. In the majority of cases he fares forth alone, and, without a helping hand, cheats the sea of his life and livelihood. For a few pieces of silver he navigates the turbulent threshold of the Atlantic with a skill and *sangfroid* that would win him gold at Cowes. In the fall of the year he puts out in the frozen darkness that he may return with his catch in time for the afternoon sales. Then, after a dozen hours of fearful strain—on the way out, steering, tacking and baiting his long line; on the way in, after hauling a thousand hooks, steering, tacking and clearing a mile of line—he brings up alongside the slippery quay, there to be met by buyers who, with little pretence of rivalry, tender the minimum price for his day's catch. He is too weary to haggle, for he must make

that would do credit to the thrift of a Parisian *grisette*. Would you come to a proper appreciation of her genius for managing, you must see the family out for its Sunday walk. The father is not always, indeed, seen to advantage on the day of rest, for if by chance she has been in service in great cities and there imbibed dreadful ideals of the Sabbath wardrobe, she compels her man to shamle along in a stiff collar and other frightful emblems



AN IDLE DAY FOR THE BOATS.

of what she thinks is respectability. In a clean jersey he would look the man he is; in white collar and cuffs he looks a monkey, an uneasy monkey at that. It is rather to herself and her children that you should look. The children, which rank in a descending scale of inches, number perhaps half-a-dozen, the eldest girl with her hair up, the youngest boy still frocked. Here you may learn how to dress passably on nothing. A little generosity of colour may, perhaps, shock your refined taste, but of the neatness of the hats and boots there can be no question. How, in addition to paying rent and feeding eight mouths, they manage to get anything to wear at all is a puzzle to those who live beyond a hundred times their income. Not during more than half-a-dozen weeks of the year does the hooker make what any other artisan would call good money. Only during the summer holiday, when those who fish for fun hire the services of those who fish for fish, is there the prospect of extra increment in the shape of a fixed weekly payment and the bulk of the catch for sale as well. Against these halcyon August days, with their maximum of wage and minimum of work, have to be set the grey autumn weeks of much toil and meagre returns, and, worse still, the long spring, during which fishing is altogether at a standstill for not much less than 100 days. Happy at that season is the man who can eke out existence by tramping half-a-dozen miles at daybreak and as far again at sundown, finding employment at some country house, invented for the occasion by some charitably-disposed squire.

Very little of this hardship is, as has been said, suggested by the contemplation of the harbour in its summer setting. The red-sailed craft, which glide between the piers as the sun is sinking behind the waiting harvest on the hill, are manned by those who sing and whistle and bandy chaff as if their cup of life held not one bitter drop. Little children play among the rocks and on the quays with a carelessness that is their birth-right, and the more blessed in its ignorance of the greyness that must come into their lives. Even their toilworn mothers, seemingly forgetful of the terrors of last winter, stand in their doorways gossiping merrily, happy in the knowledge that there are bread and bacon in the kitchen, and no need of firewood as long as the sun streams so gallantly in at the windows. No wonder, then, that the August visitor suspects little of the underside of the Cornish fishing life; these are folk that do not wear their sorrows on their sleeves, and his holiday is their time of plenty.

F. G. AFLALO.



UNLOADING THEIR CATCH.

the boat snug for the night ere he can get off the heavy sea-boots and thaw his cramped limbs by his fireside, enjoying a strong brew of tea and a mouthful of pasty, which the good-wife has ready against his return. She is a model, the good-wife, not always, if the bare truth must be told, as comely as she looks on canvas in the Academy; but a brave woman, who makes the most of the slender earnings of the bread-winner with marvellous economies



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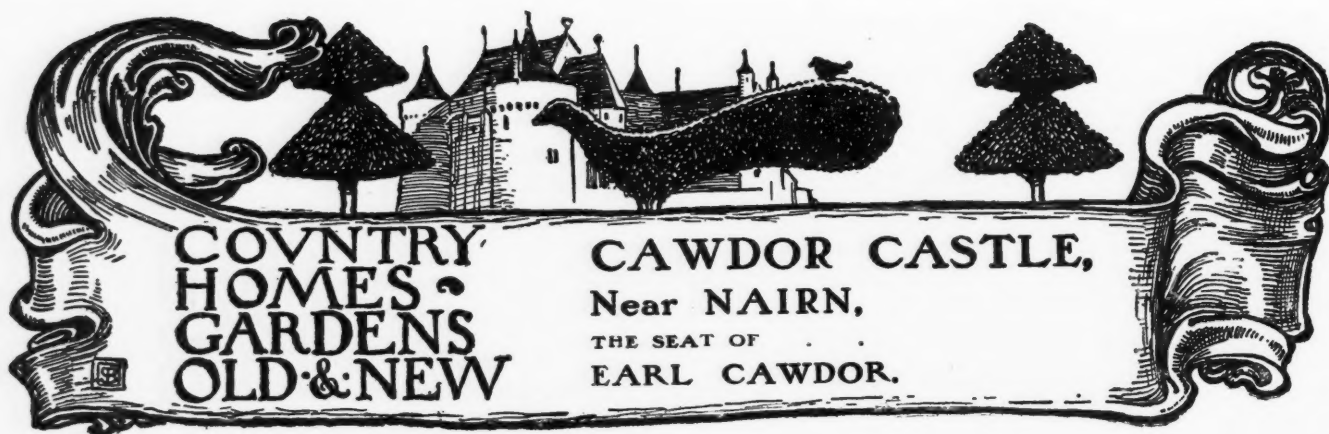
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THE names of two Scottish castles, Glamis and Cawdor, have become part of English literature through their introduction into the weird scene in "Macbeth" where the witches hail the hero as Thane of Glamis and Thane of Cawdor. It may be doubted whether Macbeth had any connection with Glamis, though the local tradition that Malcolm II., the grandfather of Macbeth, died at Glamis is supported by contemporary documents. With Cawdor the association of Macbeth is more intimate. He was Mormaer of

Moray, attaining that dignity in 1032 when he married Gruoch (the Lady Macbeth of the tragedy), who was widow of his predecessor in that office. Malcolm II. had two daughters, Bethoc, the mother of "the gracious Duncan," and Donada, the mother of Macbeth; and thus Duncan and Macbeth were full cousins—a fact not often remembered by readers of the drama. Duncan, as son of the elder daughter, succeeded to the throne on the death of his maternal grandfather, Malcolm II., in 1034, but six years afterwards he was slain by his ambitious

kinsman at Bothnagowan (now Pitgaveny), near Elgin, which place lay within Macbeth's territory. In Cawdor Castle there is an apartment known as King Duncan's Room; though the fact that Cawdor Castle was not built for more than 400 years after the murder of that king is rather against the nomenclature being anything but an anachronism. It is probable that the official residence of Macbeth before he seized upon the Crown was at Nairn Castle; and though little is known of his reign of seventeen years, it is certain that he and his much-abused wife bestowed lands upon the Culdees of Lochleven, one of the few centres of learning at the time, in the neighbourhood of which there is a well still known as "Gruoch's Well"; and that he made a pilgrimage to Rome in 1050, where his charity to the poor was gratefully recorded. Seven years later the murder of Duncan was avenged by his son Malcolm Canmore, when Macbeth was slain at Lunfanan, in Mar. His stepson, Lulach the Simple—the only specimen of men-children that Lady Macbeth had brought forth to her first husband—after an inglorious reign of seven months, was slain by stratagem by the conquering Malcolm, who thus cleared his own way to the throne which was his by right. It is said that when Macbeth became King, he made one of his younger brothers Thane of Cawdor, and that from the latter descended the Cawdors or Caldors of that ilk, who held the Thanage by direct male descent for four centuries.

The veritable history of the Thanes of Cawdor, so far as it is founded upon documentary evidence, begins with Donald, who was Thane in 1295, and had held some



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important office under Alexander III. His son, William, had a charter in 1310 from Robert the Bruce, confirming his hereditary rights to the Thanedom. At that time and for long afterwards the family residence was at Nairn. Lachlan Shaw, the historian of Moray, wrote thus in 1775: "The Thanes of Cawdor, as constables of the King's house, resided in the castle of Nairn, and had a country seat at what is now called Old Cawdor, a half mile north from the present seat. There they had a house on a small moat, with a dry ditch, and a drawbridge, the vestiges whereof are to be seen."

The Thanes who succeeded William after his death in 1350, gradually acquired lands in the vicinity of Old Cawdor, and at length his great-grandson William, who held the office from 1442 to 1468, found himself wealthy enough to build the oldest portion of the existing Cawdor

Castle. Thane William was an important personage at the Court of James II., and was held in high esteem by the King, being made King's Chamberlain beyond the Spey. There is an interesting document still preserved in the charter-room of Cawdor Castle, being the licence granted by James II. to William, Thane of Cawdor, to build a castle at Cawdor, with walls, fosses, turrets and means of defence, as in all other castles of the time. The document is dated August 6th, 1454, and conclusively fixes the period of the castle's erection.

A strange story is told regarding the choice of a site for the new castle of Cawdor, and is thus quaintly narrated by Lachlan Shaw: "Tradition beareth that the Thane was directed in a dream to build the tower round a hawthorn tree on the bank of the brook. Be this as it will, there is in the



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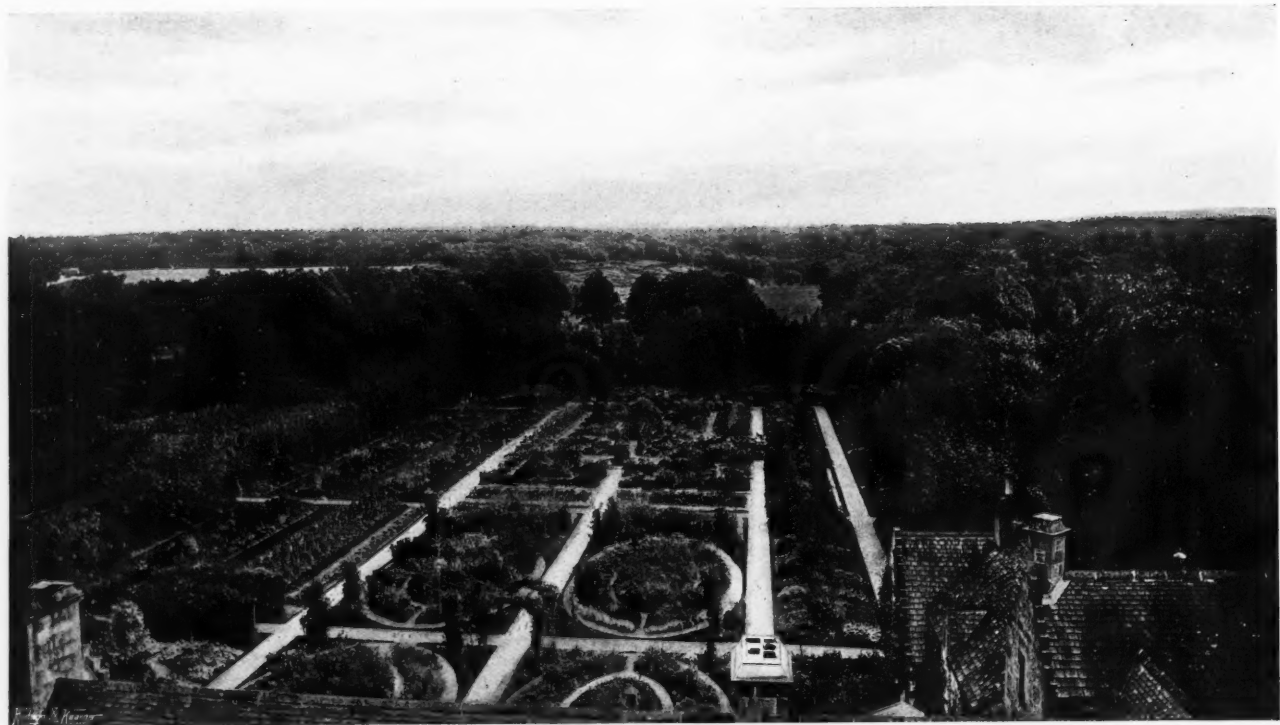
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lowest vault of the tower, the trunk of a hawthorn tree, firm and sound, growing out of the rock and reaching to the top of the vault. Strangers are brought to stand round it, each one to take a chip of it, and then to drink to the hawthorn tree—i.e., 'Prosperity to the Family of Calder.' This house, with spacious inclosures, fine gardens, a park of red deer, and a large wood close by the house, make a grand and delightful seat."

Shaw's version of the legend omits several romantic particulars that still survive in the locality. It is declared that the Thane had been hoarding up money for years ere he would venture upon castle-building. His treasure amassed for this purpose was contained in a strong oaken coffer; but he hesitated

long as to where he should erect a dwelling which would remain for his remote posterity. At last he was instructed in a dream to bind the coffer on the back of an ass, and to build his tower wherever the ass stopped with its burden. By the banks of the Cawdor Burn there were three hawthorn trees, and the mystically-guided quadruped passed the first and the second of these, but halted at the third. And here the Thane founded the baronial Keep which now exists, building around the hawthorn tree, and leaving the empty coffer beside it as a testimony to future ages. Both tree and coffer may yet be seen, and even the first and second trees have been identified.

Another curious tradition regarding the castle is worthy of notice. It has long been asserted that the iron door of the

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donjon was brought to Cawdor Castle from Lochindorb Castle, being carried thither on the back of a local Samson, who had many surprising adventures by the way. Most frequently the historical student finds that his researches among documents have a tendency to dispel traditions; but here, strangely enough, the incident mentioned has been confirmed. The late Professor

ways, but leaving the oldest part nearly in its original condition. Over the entrance doorway he has placed his coat of arms, with his own initials, and those of his wife, Lady Henrietta Stewart, and the date 1672, when this part of the work was completed. These initials are also shown on the dormer windows facing the northern courtyard. The charter-room is over

the central or staircase block, and in the roof above the vault there is a small chamber, which can only be reached by a passage along several of the gutters. Here, it is said, the notorious Simon Fraser, Lord Lovat, lay concealed for some time after the battle of Culloden. Several of the carved mantel-pieces were erected by Sir Hugh Campbell, and bear his initials and the date 1667. The oldest of these, however, bears the date 1510, the year when Sir John Campbell married the heiress of Cawdor, and also the initials of himself and Muriel Calder. And thereby hangs a tale.

John, Thane of Cawdor, grandson of the builder of the castle, was married in 1492 to Isabella Rose of Kilravock, in the hope that the union would terminate a feud between the two families. But the marriage was not a happy one, and John died in 1498, leaving one daughter, Janet by name, who only survived him a few months. A posthumous daughter was born, and named Muriel, and upon her depended the continuance of the direct line. She had four uncles, the eldest of whom would succeed in the event of her death, and they were all anxious to obtain possession of the heiress. She had become a ward of the Crown, however, and James IV. appointed the Earl of Argyll as her guardian. A body of Campbells marched to Kilravock Castle, where the child was living, to take her to Inverary. The lady of Kilravock, her grandmother, before giving her up, seared her hip with the key of her trunk or coffer, lest a changeling should be substituted. The Calders mustered in force and pursued the Campbells, hoping to regain the heiress. The leader, Campbell of Inverliver, having sent off the child with an escort of six men, faced about to stop the Calders; and to deceive them a sheaf of corn was dressed in some of the child's clothes and kept by one in the rear. The conflict was sharp, and six of Inverliver's sons were slain. When he judged that the child was out of the reach of her uncles he retreated, leaving the fictitious Muriel to the pursuers. The infant reached a place of security,

and was reared at Inverary under the Earl's charge. According to the custom of the time, the heiress of Cawdor was married in her twelfth year (1510) to Sir John Campbell, the Earl's younger son, and from this union sprang the family of the Campbells of Cawdor.

Sir John Campbell had the instinct of his race to "birss yont"—to add field to field—and he was a man of mark in his day. He had some claim upon the possession of the island of Islay, and had broad lands in the Loch Etive district; but Nairnshire had special attractions for him, and so in 1524 he settled at Cawdor Castle with the heiress, and made some structural alterations there. He died in 1546, and Muriel long survived him, living till 1573, and bequeathing the Thanage to her grandson, Sir John Campbell. It is unnecessary to trace the family history in detail. Suffice it to say that in 1639 Cawdor Castle had been suffered to fall into disrepair, and the tutor of the Laird of Cawdor began the first important renovation. In 1644, after the battle of Auldearn, fought in the neighbourhood, the Marquess of Montrose pillaged the estate and the tenants, but did nothing against the castle; and in 1657 General Monk issued special orders for its protection.

The next castle-builder was Sir Hugh Campbell, who came of age in 1660, and married Lady Henrietta Steuart, sister of the Earl of Moray, in 1662. His reconstructive work has already



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STONE MANTEL-PIECE AND TAPESTRY.

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Cosmo Innes, about fifty years ago, discovered in the charter-room at Cawdor a Royal Mandate, dated March 5th, 1455, directing Thane William to demolish the Castle of Lochindorb, which had lately been fortified against the King by Archibald Douglas, Earl of Moray. By that time the Thane had begun his building operations, and there is every reason to believe that he appropriated this gate—then a symbol of baronial power—and used it for his own castle.

The original Keep may easily be distinguished at the present day from the more modern portions of Cawdor Castle. It rises in stern majesty as an oblong tower, with massive walls, turrets, and crenellated battlements, above the surrounding accretions, and preserves much of its original aspect despite the changes it has undergone. Messrs. Macgibbon and Ross, the best authorities on Scottish baronial architecture, maintain that the Keep bears the character of fifteenth century work, and the lower portion, where the historic hawthorn tree is preserved, is unquestionably of this period. During the succeeding century extensions were made, in the fashion of the time, by building upon the enciente wall and thus forming courtyards. The gateway and drawbridge were retained, for defence was still necessary in such a castle, and these have survived later alterations. About 1660-70 Sir Hugh Campbell of Cawdor, the then proprietor, made very extensive additions to the castle, reconstructing it in various

been mentioned; but it is noteworthy that, like his contemporary the first Earl of Strathmore, who enlarged Glamis Castle, Sir Hugh employed no architect, but designed his own structural improvements, and superintended the local masons. No doubt Lady Henrietta was of much assistance to her husband in planning domestic details, for she had a mind that was careful about many things. It is rather startling to find a great lady writing in 1696 in the following terms to an Inverness merchant, and spelling the words like a Republican President of our own time:

Sir,—I doubt not but you have fresh weres com home in the last ship. Pray cause fill this ston bottle with the best vinigare; the last I had from you was so bad I could hardlie make anie use of it. Send lykways half ane pound of wheit peper, ane pound of black peper, two ounce of nutmugs, two ounce of sinimon, ane ounce of mess, set down the pryces still in a letter to my self.

Sir,—If the ship be not away, you would oblige me to send for sex pound of the best jecolat for our use, and ane pound of true te [tea], but these most be fought by ane that hes skill to choise them, for ther is much jecolat that is ridish, a mixtour of eggs that I cannot abyde. The fynest is of a broune cullor and verie plesent to the test. This is all at present from

Your verie loving frind

H. STEUART.

Here it may be noticed that Lady Henrietta Campbell signs the letter with her maiden name, a Scottish custom that survived until recent times. From the letters written by Sir Hugh and his wife which are still preserved at Cawdor Castle, an intimate glimpse is afforded of the social life of the upper classes near the close of the seventeenth century.

Alexander, the eldest son, studied at King's College, and took his M.A. degree there, distinguishing himself in logic and mathematics. The two daughters, Margaret and Jean, were sent to a school in Edinburgh, where they were taught music, dancing, fancy needlework, and pastry baking. Margaret had a taste for music, and played on the virginals and also on the viol di gambo, the immediate predecessor of the modern violoncello. While Sir Hugh approved of the virginals, he seemed to think that the other instrument was not a graceful one for a young lady. He thus wrote in 1677: "Iff I fynd Maggie ane extraordinar player on the virginellis she shall have an pair of the best harpsecordis that Ingland can afford, and therfor lett hir tak much pains. I do not fancy the viol de gamboe, the siter or kitarr is mor proper."

It is consoling to find that Margaret's devotion to music was rewarded by the promised gift; for in an account dated 1679, the entry appears: "Paid to James Pendrick for a pair of virginals, £66 13s. 4d." The fee paid to Mr. Chambers for teaching Margaret the viol di gambo was £18 per quarter — of course, "punds Scots," not pounds sterling. An inventory of the books belonging to Sir Hugh and Lady Henrietta Campbell was made up in 1705, and gives an idea of the literature that was then popular. Sir Hugh's taste led him to collect classical and theological books; indeed, he was himself the author of an "Essay on the Lord's Prayer," which he vainly besought the General Assembly to make part of the daily church service. Lady Campbell's books were chiefly devotional, and included such volumes as Alleine's "Godly Fear," "Balm from Gilead," Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," Calamy's "Divine Meditation," "Sighs from Hell," Quarle's "Divine Fancies," and Samuel Rutherford's "Letters and Works." It is startling to find beside these pious books, Burnet's "Life of the Earl of Rochester" and a book on palmistry.

Sir Hugh Campbell made over his estates to his son Alexander when that young man was married in 1689 to Elizabeth Lort, heiress of Stackpole, in Pembrokeshire. The aged knight survived till 1716, and as his son predeceased him, the grandson,

Sir John, became heir. Sir Hugh was opposed to the Union of the Parliaments in 1707, and he gave his grandson written authority to join the Earl of Mar on the Jacobite side in 1715; but some delay prevented this action, and the rising was practically over when Sir Hugh died. Thus the Cawdor estates narrowly escaped confiscation. The marriage of Sir Hugh's son, Alexander, had transferred the interests of the family to Wales; and when his grandson, Sir John, married Mary Pryse of Gogirthen, North Wales, in 1726, Cawdor Castle ceased to be the chief residence of the Campbells. Sir John sold Islay and the Argyllshire lands, and thus retained nothing in Scotland save the castle and grounds at Cawdor. He died at Bath in 1777, and was succeeded by his grandson, Sir John, who was created Baron Cawdor of Castlemartin in 1796. Sir John married Lady Caroline, daughter of the Earl of Carlisle, and died in 1821. His elder son, John Frederick, in 1827 was raised in the peerage, with the title of Earl Cawdor and Viscount Emlyn. The Earl died in 1860, when the title fell to his eldest son, John Frederick Vaughan, whose death took place in 1898. The present (third) Earl Cawdor was born in 1847, and held the office of First Lord of the Admiralty in Mr. Balfour's Administration.

Though the family had practically removed the chief residence to Stackpole Court in Wales, Cawdor Castle was



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never suffered to fall out of repair. During the time of the first Earl there were extensive alterations made, and these were kept in strict harmony with the style of the original building. Thus the ancient Keep, which Muriel Calder brought as a dowry to her husband, John Campbell, four centuries ago, retains its commanding position; the later additions being such developments

as the progress of civilisation demanded. Cawdor Castle still preserves the characteristic features of a Scottish baronial fortalice of the days when the baron had power of "pit and gallows; infangthief and outfangthief," and ruled his vassals with indisputable sway within the bounds of his ancestral domain.

IN THE GARDEN.

ROSEMARY AND LAVENDER.

WE were looking a few days ago at a border of grey-leaved shrubs, of which the chief were Rosemary and tall and dwarf Lavenders, and thought their beautiful shoots, which when rubbed against exhale an odour as resinous as the Pines in the neighbouring wood, as pleasant to see as a garden of midsummer flowers. Several questions have been asked lately about plants for dry and sandy gardens, and these two shrubs should be among the first chosen. Miss Jekyll, whose opinion is worth having, recommends them strongly in *Home and Garden* for soils such as these, and her words in reference to them may well be repeated: "Best among all

their naked roots may get hold of the soil while it is still warm. In places where the soil is stiff enough to take up growing things with a ball of earth it matters less, but here and in other poor soils the earth shakes off entirely, leaving the roots quite bare."

PLANTS FOR POOR SOILS.

The list recommended comprises *Cistus laurifolius*, which we have just planted in a dry upland garden, *C. ladaniferus* (or the Gum Cistus), *C. populifolius*, *C. cordifolius*, *C. albidus*, *C. salvefolius*, *C. monspeliensis*, *C. florentinus*, *C. creticus*, *Helianthemum algarvensis*, *H. formosum* (*Cistus formosus*), *H. halimifolium*, *H. rosmarinifolium*, *H. vulgare*, common yellow Broom (*Cytisus scoparius*), Spanish Broom (*Cytisus albus*), *C. præcox*, *C. andreana*, Spanish Gorse (*Ulex hispanicus*), Jerusalem Sage (*Phlomis fruticosa*), Tree Lupine, North American thornless Brambles, *Rubus nutkanus* and *R. spectabilis*, hardy Heaths, the Sea Hollies, the dwarf blue-leaved kind (*Eryngium maritimum*), the taller blue (*E. oliverianum*), the grand biennial (*E. giganteum*), blue-leaved Lyme Grass (*Elymus arenarius*), many of the Wormwoods, such as the Southernwood (*Artemisia abrotanum*), *A. nanum*, *A. sericea*, Lavender Cotton (*Santolina chamæcyparissus*), *Cineraria maritima*, *Acanthus*, *Alstroemerias*, the Mexican Orange-flower, (*Choisya ternata*), giant grasses from Japan, *Eulalia japonica striata* and *E. zebrina*, tall white Asphodel, the Mulleins, *Verbascum olympicum* and



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good plants for hot, sandy soils are the ever-blessed Lavender and Rosemary, two delicious old garden bushes that one can hardly dissociate, so delightfully do they agree in their homely beauty and the beneficence of enduring fragrance, as well as in their love of the sun and their power of resisting drought. I plant Rosemary all over the garden, so pleasant is it to know that at every few steps one may draw the kindly branches through one's hand, and have the enjoyment of their incomparable incense; and I grow it against walls so that the sun may draw out its inexhaustible sweetness to greet me as I pass; and early in March, before any other scented flower of evergreen is out, it gladdens me with the thick setting of pretty Lavender-grey bloom crowding all the leafy spikes. . . . Of Lavender I always arrange to have two hedges of a good bearing age, beside a number of bushes here and there. Every year in early summer we make a good number of cuttings. When rooted these are planted out in nursery lines, and in the autumn of the next year they are nice round little bushes, just at the best size for planting out permanently. Lavender can also be propagated by layering, but the plants are not so well shaped as those grown from cuttings. The year after planting the young hedge gives a few nice flowers, the next year a good crop, and the third year its fullest yield. After that, with me the bush deteriorates, and begins to show bare gaps, yielding less bloom. . . . I always think it well with all these plants and shrubs of South European origin to put them out as early as possible, not later than the middle of October, so

V. phlomidoides, the large garden Thistles, the great silvery Onopordon, *O. arabicum*, the Milk Thistle (*Silybum marianum*), Catmint (*Nepeta Mussini*), *Sisyrinchium bermudiana*, Herb Hysop, Oriental Poppies, *Stobæa purpurea*, *Gaultheria Shallon*, *Corchorus japonicus*, Tea-tree (*Lycium europæum*), *Aubrietia*, *Arabis*, *Cerastium*, *Alyssum* and hybrid Rock Pinks.

THE BUSH AND OTHER IVIES.

The Ivy and the Holly glisten in the woodland at this season, and many a tree is as green as the grassfield with the bright, cheery colour from the Ivy shoots clustering round its stem. Such winter pictures serve to remind one of the value of the bush and other Ivies in the garden, where they are pleasant to look at in summer as well as in winter. Of the tree Ivies we think *amurensis*, which is so fine a feature of Messrs. Fisher, Son and Sibray's nursery at Handsworth, Sheffield, is the most handsome, its leaves of distinct shape and a green which brightens the garden in winter. The tree Ivies are strongly recommended for planting in town gardens, the leaves suffering little from smoke, and in winter they are useful for bedding. It is wise to try to have the garden bright in winter as well as in the other seasons of the year, and it is with the help of such evergreens as these that this is made possible. They may be planted from pots at any time, and are not costly. Besides *amurensis*, our love is strong for the silvery-leaved *Crippsi*, the large-leaved *dentata*, the beautiful Handsworth silver-mottled, *palmata aurea*, the strong, sturdy *rhomboides ovata* and the golden-leaved *spectabilis aurea*. *Amurensis*, *cænwoodiana*,

the vigorous-growing Emerald Green, Himalaica and the Irish form are the best, and to these we must add purpurea or atropurpurea, as it is also called, which, as the name suggests, has leaves of a purple shade, and is very beautiful in winter when associated with the yellow sweetly-scented *Jasminum nudiflorum*. The prettiest winter colour effect we have seen was the result of an accident in planting the Jasmine against the Ivy; the colours blend admirably.

ROSE MARIE PAVIC.

The whole of the dwarf Polyantha Roses are late blooming, but one of exceptional beauty is Marie Pavic. At the end of August this year the

bushes of this beautiful sort were in full bloom and making an excellent display. The small neat-shaped flowers are white with a faint rosy tinge, produced in grand clusters. Two year old plants of this Rose measure a yard through, so although they are diminutive in blossom many of the sorts grow quite strongly. Bushes of this Rose and others, such as Cecile Brunner, Perle d'Or, Aschenbroedel, Katherina Zeimet, etc., will soon make quite shrub-like bushes from 3ft. to 4ft. high, and as much through, although, if desired, they may be cut down each year like an herbaceous plant, with the certain result of a plentiful display the next summer. We should like to see these Roses grown more as dwarf and half standards, for when they have formed a round head they are extremely effective, as, for instance, Mme. N. Levasseur and Katherina Zeimet.



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CHINGFORD OLD CHURCH.

Showing damage wrought by ivy to both roof and windows.

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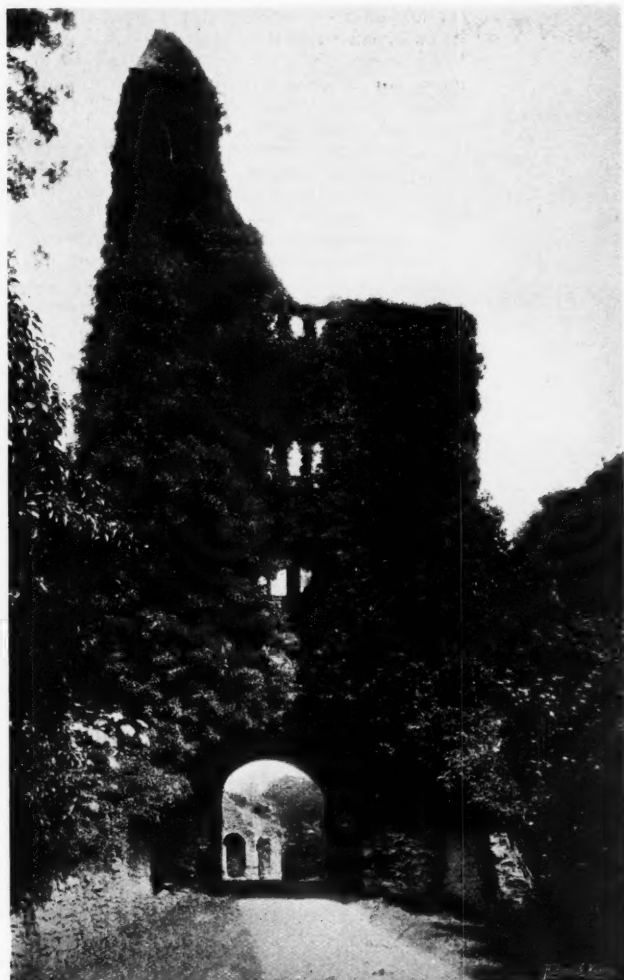
CREEPERS ON OLD BUILDINGS.—II.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "COUNTRY LIFE."]

SIR,—You were kind enough to allow me to say in my first letter that I should speak on a future occasion of the properties of ivy when considered as an addition (ornamental or otherwise) to old

buildings. There are many cases of modern—and still more of new—architecture in which the growth of ivy over the masonry might fairly be considered to be slow and ineffective in its beneficent task of concealing what very few persons of taste would care to look at. But I now desire chiefly to refer to its appearance upon buildings which were evidently erected when other standards of approbation were common, and upon architecture which either has been deliberately preserved or has lasted of its own strength for—let me suggest—at least 150 years.

For older buildings than that, a further division might be suggested, inasmuch as many of them are already irretrievably ruined, while others are still

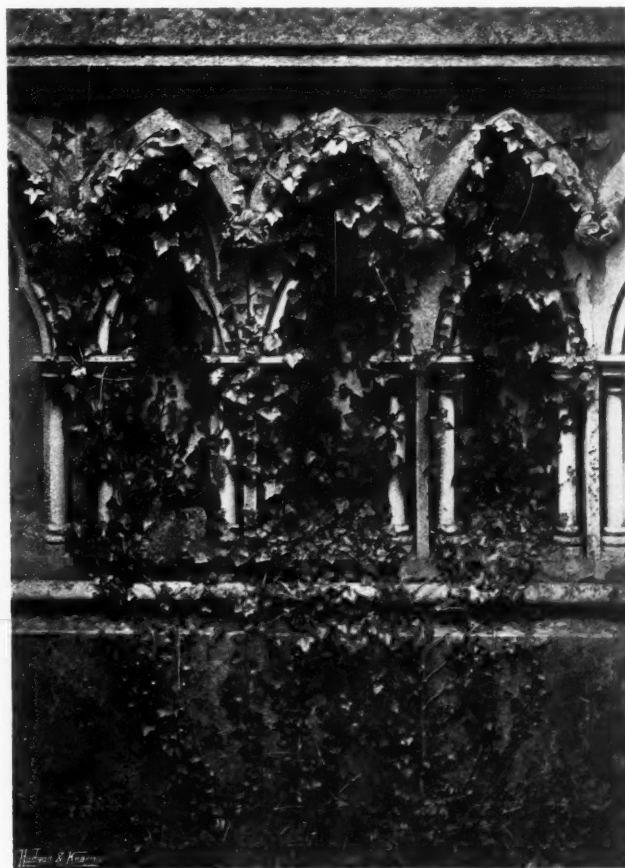


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Showing masonry rendered unsafe by creepers.

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IVY ON A CHURCH.

The beginning of evil.

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employed either for public service or for private habitation. In far too many instances the latter of these two classes is being carelessly permitted to merge into the former, and it is to protest against such loss that I venture once more to ask your aid.

Not everyone who plants ivy or allows it to grow unchecked is fully aware either of the nature of the plant itself or of the process for which he is actually—even if unconsciously—responsible. No doubt the leaf of *Hedera helix* (the common ivy) is in itself a beautiful object, not only in shape, but in colour and texture, too; and a young shoot of the plant (as is the case with other creepers) is often a very lovely thing when its structure and design can clearly be seen against a background of dull red, grey or cream colour. But this special beauty is entirely lost when the plant is allowed to grow so thickly that only confused masses of shapeless foliage are observable above, and nothing but a dusty and offensive groundwork of colourless and destructive vegetation is discoverable beneath. In exactly the same way, that variety of Virginia creeper which is called *Ampelopsis tricuspidata* displays very beautiful shoots of young foliage, which extend their long and delicate meshes of fretwork over a dull, plain surface, without sending their roots into the walls, and without the necessity for any damage being done by nails. But with the unrestraint of vigorous and unhindered age its character entirely changes. The minutely serrated leaves tend to exhibit a more uniform and a more regularly circular outline, and hang thickly one above the other in a fashion which produces a monotonous screen, obscuring and hiding the architecture beneath, without any compensation in the way of light and shade, or seductive outline, as a substitute above. But English ivy has active properties of evil which are far worse than any merely passive obstruction of what was meant to take its visible share in the whole design of a completed piece of architecture, for ivy will not only hide any details there may be on a wall; it will positively eat into the substance of the wall itself.

This alarming tendency—which cannot have been sufficiently recognised by most guardians of ancient buildings—is the simple result of the physical fact that ivy, like other vegetation, flourishes on lime, and, therefore, rapidly

disintegrates the mortar upon which it feeds in its course upwards from the soil. This had been long ago suspected. But it is now definitely proved, as may be seen by anyone who will take the pains to examine the ruins of Carnarvon Castle. There the great roots of the ivy have been cut through, in many cases, at the bottom of the massive walls; yet the topmost branches of the mutilated plant go on and thrive exceedingly upon the mortar higher up; and when these branches are pulled out so much mortar has to come away with them that fresh material is necessary to support the stones above it. In much the same part of the world, there is a road that branches to the right, between Shrewsbury and Oswestry, and leads to Whittington, returning to the Holyhead road at Gobowen. Here you may see the castle Fulk FitzWarren built in Henry II.'s days at Whittington, now in the possession, I believe, of the Lloyds of Aston. The ruin appears to be unfit for habitation, but still stands as a most interesting relic of a far-off age. It will not stand long unless the ivy, which already completely envelops one of the huge round towers, is cut away, and unless the ravages beneath are all made good. In the south-west part of Wiltshire there is a beautiful old castle of much the same kind where it is positively dangerous to examine the masonry, for the depredations of the ivy have so weakened the framework of the building that the architect and the antiquarian must be forbidden the perilous task of approaching near enough to look at it. Many another example will occur to your readers. The process of decay, owing to this cause, has probably gone so far now at Raglan that we can only be thankful there is so much left to see, and that a building too large for English sentiment ever to permit its restoration is, at any rate, still beautiful in the last stages of its dissolution. My point is that, had the ravages of ivy been realised in time, even at Raglan, one of the noblest of our castles might still have borne a useful part in the economy of that country of which it was so long a living, strong and splendid possession.

I must confess that with the school of critics who object entirely to any restoration whatsoever I cannot always find myself in sympathy. It is, of course, better to let a beautiful building vanish altogether rather than spoil its harmony by ruthless and unwarrantable additions or renovations which should not have been seen in such a situation at all. But I shall never so far despair of the earnest modern student of architecture as to believe that he is either grossly ignorant or deliberately careless of those architectural styles which gave its first beauty to a ruin he may agree to restore. We may not be able to build Gothic cathedrals nowadays, because the whole plan of our lives, and of our workmen's lives, has totally altered since the ages when architecture flourished under congenial surroundings. But this admission is not equivalent to a blank denial of all effort to preserve a Gothic building (to choose the most common instance out of many various styles to which the same argument applies), or of even the most reverent attempt to supplement from details that may still remain the design of which Time or the hand of man may have partially deprived us. The whole question is of so wide a scope, and may so fairly be considered as outside our present argument, that I only introduce it for a moment in order to emphasise my preference for careful restoration over that idle, easy, thoughtless and selfish point of view which prefers to leave ivy to do its deadly work on an old building, which callously neglects all claim which our posterity may have upon us, and therefore dooms a priceless example of ancient art to a life which may not be much longer than our own. To these general considerations there is but space to add that the person whose generously artistic soul cannot bear the strain of seeing an old church properly restored is probably quite unaware of the personal responsibilities of its incumbent in this direction, and equally contemptuous of the desire which may fairly animate his parishioners to worship, under weather-tight conditions, in the same sacred spot where the prayers of their forefathers have gone up before them from generation unto generation.

The parish church is, of course, the obvious example of the harm which ivy can achieve. Its ruinous effect on mortar has been already mentioned. But the disastrous consequences of its unchecked growth on roofs and windows must not be forgotten. The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, which is doing excellent work all over England, receives frequent reports



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RAGLAN CASTLE.
Ivy obscuring beautiful masonry.

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of damage in precisely these directions. Tiles are sometimes displaced by slow degrees until at last they fall, in a high wind, and the accompanying rainstorm begins a damage which will have incalculable limits. Chimney-stacks and towers are equally liable to being thus secretly undermined, and the presence of the ivy often conceals a crack that might if seen have given timely warning before the weakening process went too far. The growth of ivy round a window sometimes does far more harm than is represented by displacement of the masonry, for this in turn leads to the sudden breakage of glass that may be of the greatest value artistically, and is very probably of considerable interest either from the historical or the personal point of view. Ivy will insert itself into every crevice and cranny on its way up a wall; and, once a young shoot has made its way in, the plant strives vigorously to maintain its hold, and the opening increases to accommodate the growing branch. It is not just now my business to speak of the harm that can be done to trees by ivy; but it will provide me with an excellent analogy. For the first green tendrils, that are perhaps a welcome addition to a naked trunk, extend slowly upwards to the branches, and thence make their way all over the growing tree, sapping its vitality in their progress, and depriving it of the best means of self-defence by their slow but sure process of throttling it and hiding it from light and air. Here it is true that if you cut the main ivy root the parasite will die; but the scars of its presence will never be lost even when the tree's own foliage has replaced the intruding masses of the alien creeper. In just the same way ivy will choke and gradually destroy a building, with the additional disadvantage that cutting its main root will not wholly remove the evil, and that the substance it has damaged has no recuperative force of vital energy to replace the broken tissues. Some five-and-thirty years ago a book was written by Mr. Shirley Hibberd called "Ivy: A Monograph." About sixty varieties were described. Taking them altogether, no variety is more deadly than the common *Hedera helix*. This, of course, is the variety usually left alone to work destruction on old buildings, and usually chosen to mask new ones. If creepers are essential, there are about forty kinds which are less dangerous; but not one of them should be left to grow over masonry without careful and regular control. Architecture does not concern itself with creepers; its work is rightly designed for the habitation or the use of certain persons in a given setting; it does not anticipate the deliberate neglect by future generations of the site originally set apart for it. Art is one thing and Nature is another. It is a monstrous injustice to each that the ordered beauty of the one should be extinguished by the exuberant exaggerations of the other. It is no less than criminal that a building handed over to the care of living guardians should be deliberately consigned to corruption and decay before the death of its true usefulness need actually have occurred.

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THE IVIED TOWERS OF RAGLAN.

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A BOOK OF THE WEEK.

AMONG changes accomplished by the motor-car it seems likely that there will be numbered one in the character of travel books. A multitude of books have been written about tours made on wheels, meaning either horse-drawn vehicles or bicycles, but the motorist has not yet taken a very conspicuous personal part in literature, although no novel of the day seems to be complete without some reference to him and his car; but when we see such an advocate of driving as Mr. James John Hissey used to be taking to the motor it must be conceded that the revolution is complete. In his latest book, *Untravelled England* (Macmillan), he gives an account of his wanderings by this latest style of locomotion. The title is, perhaps, a little misleading, as it would be very difficult in our day to find a part of England that can really be described as "untravelled." But still the places visited were sufficiently out of the way to give colour to the title. "England is one vast museum," said Nathaniel Hawthorne, and we can scarcely imagine so observant a man as Mr. Hissey going into any part of it without finding something interesting to say. But first we must stop to notice his praise of the motor. He was told before starting, "The thing is sure to break down miles

from anywhere," but experience contradicted this opinion. The motor served its end perfectly:

No hill was too steep for it—the climbing of any hill was merely a matter of reduction of speed according to the gradient; nor had we ever to get down and walk "to ease the horses"—I mean the engines (this exercise is doubtless a good thing when driving long distances, but it does not greatly appeal to me, for such walking has always to be done uphill). We did not break down "miles from anywhere," somewhat, I believe, to the disappointment of our horsey friends, who vowed we would.

Except for a solitary stop, owing to a broken sparking plug, the tour was not interrupted. The plan of the journey was to have no plan, and the motto of the book might have been Stevenson's, "I travelled not to go anywhere, but to go." The point of departure was Eastbourne, and Mr. Hissey, like many another, was arrested by the charms of Pevensey Castle. Hurstmonceux Castle was found in the middle of a district that was too much travelled, and he made haste to leave it. At Ninfield he found some ancient stocks that differed from others in the fact that they were made wholly of iron. They were admiring the view from the garden when a noisy party of six arrived from Hastings, also having come in a motor-car. The landlord called their attention to the view from his garden "right round all over the country," but was met with the rejoinder, "We've come here for refreshments, not to see a view." The charm of Mr. Hissey's book is, of course, its discursiveness, and the reader need not be surprised if in a notice we jump from one thing to another. Here is a little thumb-nail sketch of an old man living the simple life at Sedlescombe. It is of an old man who was found lazily at work in his garden as if time were stayed:

More for the sake of opening up a conversation with him than anything else we ventured jocularly to remark, "You won't make a fortune at the rate you work." To which he responded, "I don't want to make a fortune, I'm quite happy as I am." Lucky, if lazy mortal! At any rate, he had the joy

of contentment; and something might be said for his philosophy, as prosperity and happiness are not always boon companions. Moreover, as he confided to us, "I've got plenty to eat and drink, thank God, and a comfortable house to live in, so why should I drudge—I don't want more?"

We cannot at present follow Mr. Hissey into the out-of-the-way spots that he visited in Sussex and Kent, but we are arrested by the story of an evening at Pembury Green. In the course of it the author strolled into the bar of "mine inn" to see how the village was served. He picked up some wondrous wise sayings, as that of the gossip who exclaimed when ordering a fresh supply of beer, "It's a deep tankard that never requires refilling." The conversation would have been dull if it had not been enlivened by a loud-voiced man, who exclaimed, *à propos* of somebody, "He had not twopence to rub on a tombstone." This is an odd but not uncommon saying in that part of the world. Another bit of village wisdom that was jotted down was the proverb, "A fat larder makes a lean will." Another local saying was, "A fine harvest allus makes a wet hopping." The discourse of one villager was summed up by another in the pregnant phrase, "He talks gold but pays copper." It is no wonder that Mr. Hissey considered that this little bunch of epigrams formed a good bag for an hour and a-half's waiting at an inn. A fisherman has often plied his rod longer and caught nothing. But it would not do to give the impression that the book is composed only of odds and ends. At any rate, some of the odds and ends are charming little studies of Nature, like the following:

Great is the enchantment of mist—greater even than that of distance, of which the poet Campbell sings—it sets the imagination free. To the traveller therein, a country steeped in mist is a land of impressions rather than of realities, and the impressions are those that he wishes for; the pictures things he would see. The chief delight of the mystery of mist is that it allows one to invent scenery after one's own heart, instead of seeing it as it is.

When in Sussex, Mr. Hissey paid a visit to Batemans, the home of Mr. Rudyard Kipling, of which he says:

It looks like a manor-house, but probably it was erected by one of the local and wealthy ironmasters as a residence late in the sixteenth or early in the seventeenth century. Like Socknesh, it appears to have fallen from its first high estate, and to have become a mere farmhouse. The property in this condition being offered for sale, it was happily purchased by Rudyard Kipling, repaired, and preserved from further hurt. Whether correctly or not I cannot say, but I was further informed that, had it not been for the useful motor-car making this out-of-the-way spot accessible, Mr. Kipling would not have ventured to purchase even such a picturesque and desirable old house, owing to its remoteness from railways and the outer world.

Here is another passage, taken at random, about English hedgerows:

We were in a country where the land was poor and not over well cultivated, and where big tangled hedges, which Ruskin says "are the glory of the English country and the shame of English husbandry," flourished in their full beauty of ragged thorn, overgrown with dog roses, festooned with wild clematis and sweet-scented honeysuckle, abounding, besides, in the familiar and fruitful bramble, to say nothing of the profusion of wild flowers at their feet. Bad times in farming have helped to rebeautify the English hedge, which gives such a charm to the country-side, and a special character to the landscape.

Leaving this part of the country, attention may be directed to a tour in the West which took Mr. Hissey, among other places, to Broadway. He stayed at the Lygon Arms, but he persists in adhering to the

older name of Whyte Harte, now in the hands of an owner worthy to guard the long traditions belonging to it. Broadway has changed very little during the past years, even though a light railway now comes within a mile of it. The district round about is described as

a country abounding in interesting old churches, legended manor-houses, quaint inns, rambling farmsteads and picturesque cottages, to say nothing of the varied scenery of wooded hill on one hand, and of the lovely vale of Evesham on the other, the latter a very land of Goshen—a land, if not "flowing with milk and honey," at least one of fruits and flowers. In the spring-time the vale is a sight to behold, when the orchards there are white with blossom, and the wild wind shakes the blossoms down over the traveller along the road like a miniature snow-storm.

The book is a very charming one, and tends to prove that a journey on a motor may be as interesting, and in a sense as leisurely, as those that used to be undertaken in horse-drawn carriages.

FROM THE FARMS.

PRESERVATION OF FRUIT BY FORMALIN.

VERY interesting is the account of certain experiments with formalin conducted in the Jodrell laboratory at Kew. The method of treatment was as follows: "In the case of fruits where every part is eaten, as strawberries, etc., the fruit should be immersed for 10 min. in cold



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CARRYING GRIST TO THE MILL.

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water containing 3 per cent. of commercial formalin. On removal immerse the fruit for 5 min. in cold water, and afterwards place it on wire-netting, or some similarly open material, to drain and dry. When the fruit has a rind or 'skin' that is not eaten, the immersion in water after the treatment in formalin solution can be omitted with advantage." The plums, cherries, grapes and pears were purchased at a local fruit shop, and the gooseberries and bananas were obtained from a street vendor. "In each case a certain portion of the fruit was treated with formalin; this was placed alongside an untreated portion on a plate of glass; the two were covered with a bell-jar and exposed to the ordinary temperature of the laboratory. The result seemed to show that damson plums can be kept in condition nine days longer than the untreated fruit, and Victoria plums five days longer; bananas remained good ten days longer, black currants five days, and red currants four days. Further experiments showed that pitted or slightly diseased apples could be kept in condition fit for use several weeks longer when the treatment is applied. It is suggested that "many kinds of tropical fruit that, owing to their rapid deterioration and decay, never reach our shores, could be introduced if treated in this manner before shipment. The fact that many tropical fruits decay very quickly in their native country is in reality no argument against the suggestion. It only indicates that in their native countries, as in this and every other land, the surface of every ripe fruit is loaded with the spores of fungi, wild yeasts, etc., which attack the tissues and set up a fermentation that is often mistaken for the normal decay due to over-ripeness. As an example, the state of semi-decay in which bunches of bananas so frequently reach us is in most instances entirely due to the attacks of various superficial organisms capable of inducing fermentation. This could be prevented by the adoption at the port of shipment of the treatment recommended above."

DAIRY INSPECTION.

In *Vinton's Agricultural Annual* for 1907 Mr. Primrose McConnell writes with his usual vigour and good sense on the dead set made by Officers of Health against dairy farmers and all connected with the production and distribution of milk. He points out the utter absurdity of trying to get rid of all germ-life

in milk, although he welcomes all reasonable, and even unreasonable, care being taken to get rid of such diseases as scarlet fever, typhoid, diphtheria, tuberculosis and one or two others. His practical proposal is that veterinary surgeons should be made the inspectors of cowsheds, dairies and their auxiliaries, and the reason he gives is that the veterinary surgeon is more likely to understand the feeding, cleaning and care of cows than the ordinary Officer of Health, and will not insist on the carrying out of absurd fads.

MEASURES USED IN THE SALE OF WHEAT.

To illustrate the confusion that arises from different weights prevailing in different districts, it will be sufficient to take the following from the chapter on statistics published in the same work:

Per qr. of 8 imp. bus., at London and throughout the country.	Per bus. of 70lb., at Liverpool and Manchester.
Per coomb of 4 bus., at Beccles and other places.	Per bus. of 75lb., at Chester, Shrewsbury, Market Drayton, Nantwich and other places.
Per load of 3 bus., at Sheffield, Doncaster and other places.	Per bus. of 80lb., at Monmouth, Abergavenny and other places.
Per load of 5qr., at Oxford, Cirencester and other places.	Per bus. of 65lb., at Aberystwith.
Per load of 144 qts., at Ulverston.	Per boll of 204lb., at Glasgow and other places.
Per load of 5 imp. bus., at Bedford and other places.	Per boll of 240lb., at Hamilton.
Per boll of 3 imp. bus., at Newcastle, Carlisle and Darlington.	Per barrel of 280lb., at Dublin, Cork and other places.
Per boll of 6 imp. bus., at Berwick, Duns and Kelso.	Per cwt. of 112lb., at Bedford, Newry and other places.
Per boll of 4 imp. bus., at Glasgow and throughout Scotland.	Per cental of 100lb., at Liverpool.
Per bus. of 62lb., at Birmingham, Gloucester and other places.	Per windle of 220lb., at Preston.
1 boll of oats = 8 bus.; 1 boll of oatmeal = 140lb. = $\frac{1}{2}$ sackful; in Galloway, 280lb. = 1 boll of oatmeal; 1 boll of ryegrass seed = 4 bus. of 24lb. = 96lb.	Per hobbet of 168lb., at Denbigh.

No better argument can be adduced for the promotion of a uniform system of weights and measures. These local usages were all very well in the old time, when the majority of sales were made in the immediate neighbourhood, but they are entirely out of place in our days of easy transit.

SHOOTING.

CHRISTMAS NOTES FROM IRELAND.

BY SIR DOUGLAS BROOKE, BART.

CHRISTMAS is a season for general rejoicing for most of us. Some rejoice for one reason, some for another. Above all others, there is one who should rejoice, and generally does so, sometimes with an exuberance that does not cause his elders to share in his rejoicing—the schoolboy home for his Christmas holidays, and for the first time allowed to carry a gun for a day's covert-shooting. I well remember my own first day; it is, I think, more clearly impressed on my memory than any other day of my life. I hardly slept the night before, got up about six, made myself a general nuisance to everybody, wanted to start before breakfast, ate none, killed my first two pheasants right and left, did not hit much—not even a beater—for the rest of the day, and had such a shocking gun-headache in the evening that I almost thought covert-shooting a worse ordeal than the Irish Channel. To my adult mind there is also a serious vein of sadness about the festive season.

Our sincerest laughter with some pain is fraught.

In my case the pain is caused by the thought—the knowledge—that yet another shooting season is past, or, at least, drawing to a close. Five months of it are spent and gone; only two months remain—by no means the worst two months, but all too short. In the first part of the season are all the big days, when cartridges are counted by the hundred and the game killed by the thousand. At the end of a big day you know that you have shot fairly well, or, perhaps, are painfully conscious of the reverse; but you have little recollection of any particular shot; you have not had time to remember individual birds. Over a pipe in the evening one's mind's eye refuses to see anything but a confused mass of pheasants, some flying, some falling, but none of them appealing particularly to one's vanity. Perhaps the principal thing remembered is a bungle in changing guns, and the impression that with better luck a few more cartridges might have been "loosed off"; that, in fact, the exhibition of "gunning" was not all it might have been.

But are these big day's sport—sport in the best acceptance of the term? They are very good fun, I grant. I once heard a man remark, after drinking a glass of very bad whisky, "All whisky is good, but there are degrees of whisky."

All shooting is also good, but there are degrees of shooting. I think that if I could persuade myself to give a really honest opinion, I should say that I get more real enjoyment, more genuine sport, out of the smaller days towards the end of the season, days when the cartridges fired can be counted on the fingers, when one remembers exactly what happened to each of them, when fur and feather have become thoroughly educated, and it takes energy, woodcraft and straight shooting to get anything at all. Then, at the time of the evening pipe, it is possible to gloat over and admire that quick second barrel which brought down the only snipe of the day, or to stalk over again that little lot of wily widgeon—an easy right and left at the end of it—but when the stalk was everything. *Chacun à son goût.* Some men like only one class of shooting, some like another. Personally, I like every form—live and clay—pigeon-shooting barred; but the beginning and the end of the season are to my mind the best. With woodcock at the end and grouse at the beginning, would any man, be he epicure or sportsman, desire better birds? Grouse, it may be true, are somewhat like strawberries: both gain, perhaps, a certain unmerited value from the fact that they are each the first of their kind for the season. I mean from the edible point of view. From a shooting standpoint there is no bird, excepting the woodcock, to beat them. Either driven or shot over dogs they are grand sporting birds. I am not going to argue about the relative merits of the two ways of shooting them—both are excellent; but if birds are comparatively scarce, better sport and far finer exercise, both of temper and muscles, are to be obtained by shooting over dogs than by driving. If birds are plentiful, they are better when driven; at any rate, they then give one an opportunity for studying geology, for cracks between rocks and stones, with hollows below them, are most useful receptacles for empty cartridge-cases! With reference to grouse, the past season over here was, on the whole, much better than most people expected. My own mountain—it is always a mountain in Ireland—provided one bird more than it had done since the memorable year 1871. I saw few barren birds, and though coveys were not, as a rule, large, and were in some cases backward, there were plenty of them, and as we had, for once in a way, dry and warm weather in August, it was possible to get at them over dogs. On the other hand, young wild-bred pheasants and young home-bred wild duck may be classed together as practically non-extant. April and May were too

much for them, and, though living in the coverts and low lands, they succumbed where the grouse on the exposed mountain tops thrived and enjoyed themselves. This is also, unquestionably, a very good cock year. Most of the big cock coverts of the West have not been shot at the time of writing; but I hope to hear of some record bags later on. Wherever I have been shooting this year I have seen far more cock than usual, and it seems to me that they also are exceptionally fine big birds. I could not notice this year any distinct interval between the departure of our home-reared birds and the arrival of the foreigners. Generally, there is a very definite gap, about the end of September or beginning of October. This year, when out flight shooting—and I was out on a good many evenings in both months—I could always see four or five cocks, and sometimes more. It seemed to me that the home-bred birds stopped longer, and that the foreigners came in earlier. In your issue of December 1st I saw some notes on this subject, and further information was asked for. It was stated that our Irish home-bred snipe did not go South until nearly the end of October, and that the woodcock went early in September. With regard to our part, I do not agree with this. I have always found that the first ten or fourteen days of October were quite the worst dates in the year on which to look for snipe, with the expectation of making a bag. Most of the home-bred birds have gone by that time, and few foreigners have arrived. I mentioned above that, as a rule, the woodcock take their departure at the end of September. It appears that over here, as in Scotland, there is an interval of about a fortnight between the departure of the woodcock and that of the snipe; but here they do not seem to get on the move until about a fortnight after their Scotch brethren have started. However, the more one learns about woodcock the less one seems to know about them. After that last remark, it would be superfluous to inform your readers that I am an Irishman, and that the above notes refer to Ireland.

PURLOINING OF CARTRIDGES.

WE have been asked to give an opinion on the vexed and certainly the vexatious question, whether it is the right thing for a guest who finds that his cartridges have been stolen to inform his host of the fact. The

arguments for giving the information are obvious enough: that it is the part of a true friend not to allow the host to remain any longer ignorant that he has a pilferer in his employ—for of course the propriety of telling the host, and the whole question is conditional on the assumption that the thief is one of his servants. On the other hand, codes of honour among people capable of stealing cartridges are probably peculiar; and it is not altogether impossible that an underkeeper (or whoever the thief may be) who steals the cartridges of a guest would refrain, probably from motives of policy rather than any higher incentives, from stealing from his employer. The arguments for keeping silence are certainly two in number: in the first place, the giving of such information, although the host will no doubt credit that it is given with the very best of motives, is, when all is said and done, somewhat in the nature of a complaint as to the hospitality received, and in making such a complaint the position of the guest becomes something less than a graceful one. In the second place, unless you are able to point out the actual delinquent and have full proof against him (which will not happen once in the stealing of 1,000 cartridges), you are entailing on your host, by informing him of your loss, an endless coil of suspicion and detective trouble. You may reflect that all who are masters of many servants and much property are inevitably, in the present imperfect state of morality, subject to small peculations, and that the peculator, whoever he be, is probably no worse than many others. This is, in fact, one of the many questions to which the answer must depend on circumstances; no general and comprehensive answer, to fit all cases, is possible. We think that it has to depend largely on the point whether the malefactor's guilt can be traced home to him, so that the host can be informed of the criminal at the same moment as of the crime; and a good deal must depend, too, on the guest's knowledge of the host's character and of the degree of their mutual friendship. It is necessary to know the host well enough to be able to estimate how he will take news of the kind.

INVISIBLE INK.

A means of detecting the cartridge thief which has proved efficacious in more than one instance is the marking of the cartridges with "invisible ink," as it is called—a fluid which is not seen until the surface marked with it is exposed to some considerable heat. This is better known among shooting people generally as a way of marking partridges' eggs, and its use led to the conviction of a very wholesale thief only last season. It is very singular, after the many arguments which have been laid before people and the easy facilities for buying Hungarian eggs and birds from dealers who are quite above suspicion, that any will still persist in buying English eggs; but they do so on a considerable scale, as is shown by the operations of the above thief and many others. Probably it is where the master is very ignorant or very careless, and the keeper is unscrupulous and has a free hand, that the purchase of English eggs continues to encourage the dishonest practice.

ON THE GREEN.

NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

THERE is not a great deal which it is of interest to note about the fresh arrangements for the open championship. Half the field will play on a Tuesday, half on a Wednesday, and the thirty best on each day, together with all that may tie for the thirtieth place on either day, will play off together on the following two days—by score play, as at present. So there are no new elements, no geographical redistribution, on the lines of the *News of the World* tournament, no introduction of what the "professional children of wrath," as Lawrence Lockhart called them, are disposed to regard as the cloven hoof of match play. Match play, it is evident, does not suit the ideas of the man who has to play golf for his bread. Those who play for pleasure regard score play as the worst of bores and the match as the thing. Obviously, the match is the original thing—the game as it was instituted and played by our forefathers. Score is only a plan for bringing a big field into a common comparison, and probably provides the best possible test for this purpose, although it never does quite to forget that it is a method which does not bring in the "man-to-man" element, such a queer and incalculable element as it is! There can hardly be any of us who are unable to call to mind instances in our experience of one man being utterly unable to find his true game when matched against a certain other. It is exactly as if this other had the "evil eye," and very possibly it is one of the reasons why there was no boom in golf in the Middle Ages, that so many would have been accredited with the evil eye and would have suffered accordingly. The only alteration effected by the new conditions is that, instead of all the competitors playing eighteen holes on the first day, and again (for the most part) on the second, half will now play thirty-six holes on the one day, and half on the other. It may not seem that this will be much of a time-saving change. Obviously half the field will be idle for a day, but it obviates the old inconvenience that a player who was down to start late had to hang about most of the day, and was perhaps stiff and chilled before he got off—sometimes, also, having to play in conditions less favourable than those experienced by the early starters. All will be playing more nearly at the same time and more nearly under the same conditions by the new plan than by the old. And, though it is true that half the field will be idle so far as this immediate

competition goes, they are no longer tethered by the leg, as it were, to that course, on the day of idleness. In modern conditions of golf there is always an alternative course within reach—at St. Andrews the new course, at Prestwick, Troon or the Prestwick St. Nicholas, at Muirfield Gullane, Luffness and so on, at Hoylake, Wallasey and plenty more; at Sandwich, Deal and, now, the new Princes' course. Certainly it is better to be able to get away and have a round, or two rounds, or one or other of these than to have to hang about, probably in a consuming state of nervousness, and see the others play. The remark of "Arry," at the boat-race, "I likes to look on while other men work" may be true enough in application to golf also in certain cases; but the case of the man who has himself to fall to at the same work a little while later is not one of them.

By far the most interesting point about the alteration, such as it is, which has been made, is that it arises out of a suggestion forwarded to the delegates of the clubs which make the championship arrangements by the Professional Golfers' Association. That such a thing should be possible shows anyone who knew the professionals thirty years ago how far they have advanced. The association appears to be an admirably-conducted institution, founded and maintained by a committee elected by the professionals out of their own number. It arranges certain competitions, but the reason for its existence is primarily that it shall act as a benefit society for any professionals falling into need. It is not strictly a club, for the members do not draw out at need, nor in any proportion to their subscriptions, and as a matter of fact most of the professionals subscribing to it are in positions which make it extremely unlikely that they will ever need any help from its funds. It is, therefore, more purely benevolent than most societies of its kind. It is further of service to its members and to others of the younger professional class, by the fact that it keeps what amounts to a kind of employment bureau, and if any employer wants a professional golfer, or if any professional wants to find an employer, the mutual want can be supplied by the association probably better than by any other means. The very last thing which the association wishes to be, or to be thought, is a "combine" in any sense of the word; any flavour of Trades Unionism is quite foreign to its spirit.

The alteration, which is to take effect at the forthcoming open championship meeting at Hoylake, was directly suggested by the association. The association has not been at all blind in

physical and nervous changes that bring about loss of form are too discussing various possible ways of exit from the *impasse*, into which the increasing numbers of the entries are bringing this great competition, to the advantage of the geographical section, a method on which the *News of the World* tournament is played, but the trouble is that golfing ability is not very equally distributed over the geographical areas of our island, and in spite of the fact that there are more qualifying places (because more original entries) in the Southern section than anywhere else, still the concourse of the very best players into that section has been so marked that it is the most difficult of all in which to qualify. Such, at least, is the view of the professionals themselves. And they know. This being so, it is evident that all would not have a fair and equal chance; certain sections would be favoured.

There were other proposals, such as that the holder of the championship should not be obliged to qualify for the next competition; that an idle day should intervene between the qualifying play and the real competition, so that those who played on the first day should have no advantage, by a day of rest, over those who did not play on the second. But the alteration stated was the only one approved.

THE HAZARD BEAUTIFUL.

RATHER a new departure, and one which is, in my humble judgment, very well worthy of study and imitation, is being made by Mr. Grove, M.P., on a new course which he is laying out near Chalfont St. Giles, a few miles beyond Chorley Wood, to the north of London. As side hazards to the course, in one or two places, he is planting clumps of trees; this has been done before, but the novelty of these trees thus employed is that he is planting them with an eye to their ultimate artistic effect, and for that purpose has made careful selection of the kinds. Thus, near the club-house, he has planted on the one side a clump of *Populus alba*, which will show the white under-sides of the leaves shimmering in the breeze, and on the other a clump of the red-leaved trees, in their autumn hue, such as the Japanese maples and American oaks. When these grow up, the effect cannot fail to be delightful. The course should make a very good one, of its own inland kind. It is situated high, commanding fine views; of course, the golfer will not look at them; what matters to him more is that it is all well undulating ground, and ought to make a green full of natural incident and interest. The soil, for an inland locality, is certainly on the light side. When I went over it, the grass, sown by Messrs. Sutton, was coming up with a very good even growth all over the course, and by the look of it I should say that it ought to come into play next year. The National Trust for places of beauty and interest (the name is only approximated, as they say, of a golf score when the hole is not played out) has been abusing golfers lately, with singular injustice, for making beautiful places ugly. Perhaps some grace may be found for the poor golfers with the trustees if they try to plant the surroundings of their inland greens with a little more attention to the artistic effect.

PROPER POSITION OF THE BOXES AND TEES.

There is one detail about their golf (it is even possible there may be more than one, but one is enough to mention for the moment) which they do not arrange very well at St. Andrews. They have the tee boxes always on the right-hand side of the tees. At North Berwick and many other places they have the wiser way of putting them on the left-hand side. The effect of having them on the right is (seeing that the vast majority of players are right-handed) that the caddies of the parties who are to play second or third are all grouped about the box, waiting to tee the balls of their masters, while the player who has the honour drives off. They are, therefore, straight in front of him, and any movement that they make is very apt to catch his eye at the moment that it is most necessary that it should be focussed on the ball. Moreover, the St. Andrews course lying as it does with regard to the points of the compass, this is a position of the teeing boxes which brings the caddies' shadows on autumn afternoons right on to the teeing grounds on all the home-ward course, which is probably being played on just at the time of day when the sun is sinking low and the shadows are most long and troublesome. Of course, one has very long ago ceased expecting that any, even the most simple, improvement will be made on a classic Scottish course if it involves any change from the traditional customs; but still the advantage of placing the boxes on the left instead of on the right is so very obvious that one is almost persuaded to believe, in spite of long experience to the contrary, that such a change as this is not too large to be hoped for. The boxes thus in the wrong place may at least serve as an object-lesson to clubs which have not traditions of the same sanctity as St. Andrews as to where they should not be placed.

HORACE HUTCHINSON.

OUT OF FORM.

THIS is the season of the year when the mysterious malady known to all golfers as being "out of form" becomes more than usually apparent. It is a complex and rather inscrutable process affecting the deterioration of play, and though each of us when particularly affected by the malady tries to hammer out some particular theory in order to fit the circumstances, it rarely happens that the theory either deductively or inductively arrived at fits the condition with exactitude. In all the psychology of the game there is no more distressing form of incapacity to be recorded. It afflicts the seasoned player of many years' standing probably more acutely than the learner of a month ago. Though the veteran player may have as many hard-fought matches of public importance recorded to his credit as the Red Indian has a renowned tale of scalps hanging at his girdle, there suddenly

comes a day when, in the short winter season, he cannot exactly hit the ball either with his accustomed accuracy or in the direction in which he would wish it to go. It is the suddenness of this loss of form which constitutes its most distressing feature. Yesterday every shot that could be played passed off with the harmonious rhythm of a stately piece of Handelian music; to-day tee shots scuttle like a frightened rabbit along the bumpy ground, skient into uncharted bunkers, and all putting resolves itself into the uneasy and awkward art of striking the balls off the socket of the club. It is not in human nature—and especially in golfing human nature—to contemplate this falling away from the ideal of one's early forefathers according to the softening tenets of any ethical creed, or according to the self-controlling counsels of any mundane system of philosophy. The condition of being "out of form," while your probably inferior partner is winning a steady string of holes almost without a struggle, tends inevitably to irascibility of temper and to a mortifying humility of personal pride. While the veteran player channels his way through the Via Dolorosa of the links, the learner of yesterday, who was grateful to sit at the feet of this golfing Gamaliel, and to receive instruction in the scientific art of playing the ball, plays the game with a steady fervour, a confident demeanour and a minimum of error. The contrast is so illuminating that it rarely fails to provoke a smile of incredulous ridicule at the temporary ineptitude of the player who has passed, amid toil and sorrow, through the hard curriculum of all the varied schools of golf.

How is this curious contrast to be explained? Even Braid, Vardon and Taylor are all subject to such temporary lapse from their ordinary high form of play. It was admitted on all hands by those who followed the recent professional foursome at Walton Heath that Vardon, for one, among the four contending players, was distinctly out of form, though the previous day in practice matches there was revealed in all the shots that he played his customary accuracy and dash. The same tendency to lapse into temporary error was also noticeable once or twice in the great international professional foursome of a couple of years ago, particularly on the side of Braid and Herd. And the curious thing about this temporary loss of form is that it takes place between the close of the match the night before and the opening of the round after breakfast-time next morning. It is the suddenness of the change that constitutes the main difficulty of attempting to apply any reasonable principle of analysis to explain the cause of the unexpected deterioration of play. Everyone who has noticed this change of form has tried to formulate a theory in order to account for it. But no one knows better than the player himself that, though a multitude of explanations are hazarded, they go but a very short way indeed to clear up the mystery which surrounds the temporary loss of form. Sometimes it is due to a mere casual and unimportant detail like that, for example, of being unable, try as one will, to secure the proper and easy habitual stance. Despite the heroic efforts of the player, he cannot, owing to some occult reason, arising from a disturbance possibly of the nervous system, get his feet into the habitual position—a position which, on other occasions, comes with the easy simplicity of an automatic habit. An incident of this kind relating to the difficulty of securing the proper stance occurred to Vardon during the play in the last open championship at Muirfield. Though Vardon was admittedly playing the best and the steadiest golf all through the earlier rounds, he suddenly found on one of the mornings that he could not by any means play the golf that he himself desired, owing to the irritating difficulty that oppressed him throughout the round of securing the proper stance in addressing the ball. The result was that his confidence was shaken, and as his stance was, from his own point of view, entirely out of gear, the fidgetiness at the tee eventually destroyed his chances of victory, and he was only able to finish third in the competition.

There can be no doubt, however, that one of the chief causes of being temporarily out of form is due to mental anxiety. Observation shows that it is the imaginative, highly-strung player in temperament who is prone more than any other class of golfer to lose his steadiness of play. In fact, though the imagination is a gift of the Gods to the poets, it is a questionable heritage in the case of the golfer who would wish to preserve a steady uniformity of play. The attributes that are wanted most for the making of a successful golfer are a phlegmatic temperament, a cool head, a steady nerve that will refuse to be upset by small incidents and pieces of hard luck, and a dogged determination not to entertain the possibility of defeat until that result is put beyond all possible doubt. Vivid imagination, coupled with a bustling nervous temperament, are fatal handicaps to the successful player, for his fancy is always bound to overcome the coolness of his judgment and to set all counsels of prudence at defiance. But as a branch of scientific enquiry in the mental and nervous organisation of the great golfer, there is at present no possibility of arriving at a downright dogmatic opinion as to what are the true causes which lead to a loss of golfing form within the space of a few hours. The mental and physical characteristics of the problem are both too varied and too subtle to catalogue. The

elusive; and all that golfers can wisely do, when loss of form disorganises the normal steadiness of their game, is to face the difficulty with a steadfast heart, and wait patiently in the cheering hope that the overshadowing black cloud will have passed away with the rising of the next morning's sun.

A. J. ROBERTSON.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS.

THE limitations of a Northern climate tend to restrict the list of plants or flowers which we associate with Christmas. For many of us, indeed, holly and mistletoe are the chief of these. Those who are gardeners will include the Christmas rose and, perhaps, the winter aconite; West Country folk will certainly add the Glastonbury thorn. And yet there are numbers of other plants which are adopted by different portions of Christendom as memorials of Christmas and its lesson, all illustrating poetical ideas which were accepted without hesitation during the days when mysticism ruled the Church, and which are preserved for us in legends of great beauty. Many of these plants—the majority, indeed—are not winter plants at all. Some owe their association with Christmas to the fact that they were found blooming about the waste places of Palestine by the Crusaders, who at once identified them with the pious traditions of the place, and often preserved their seed and spread it broadcast over Europe. Of such is the ornithogalum, or Star of Bethlehem, common in Judaea, which makes our hedgerows gay in early summer, and was brought to England by the pilgrims of the twelfth century. Other plants, again, by some peculiarity of growth or by the striking appearance of their flowers, provided the pious fathers of the Middle Ages with a parable from Nature ready to hand for the instruction of a reverential people. In Spain the poinsettia with its brilliant crimson star has long been accepted as a floral emblem of the Star in the East. Of the same class is the common white carnation of our fields, which, by yielding its fragrance only at night, commemorates the hour of the sacred birth. In the East itself the holy night rose has long been identified with the story of Christmas. When this strange plant has flowered and formed its seeds its leaves drop, its roots loosen in the sandy soil, and the whole assumes the form of a loose ball of dried herbage, which, driven by the wind, revives only in water or moist ground where it drops its seed. From this peculiarity originated the tender legend that the holy night rose attended Mary at Bethlehem with its springing green, and spread its mantle about all the resting-places of the holy family on their flight through the wilderness.

Of English plants the ash is associated with one of the most touching of the Christmas legends. It was that tree that lent its branches for the fire on the first Christmas night, and its beneficent qualities have been confirmed ever since—for does not the ash bough burn best when freshly cut? The hazel, too, brought its catkins to shelter the holy family, and in the North of England until times quite recent the ash faggot bound with hazel bands was used to start the yule log on its three days of warmth and cheerfulness. The wassail bowl was circulated upon the bursting of each band, and these were cunningly twisted of different strength in order that two bursting together might not deprive the guests of one of such genial functions. But perhaps the most interesting of all the English plants associated with Christmas is the Glastonbury thorn. Generations of botanists have puzzled over the curious qualities of this shrub, and have at last solved the matter by placing it alone in a subdivision of its own family, the hawthorn, which they have christened *precox*, the precocious. It differs from the common hawthorn in a single but very extraordinary quality. In ordinary conditions of weather and temperature it forms a second crop of buds in December, and on or about Christmas Eve of the old style, January 5th in our calendar, the buds burst and the tree assumes a coat of snowy blossom as if to celebrate in a garment of all purity the birth of the Child. The legend of its coming to Glastonbury is that Joseph of Arimathea, sent to preach in the North, wandered through Gaul, took boat in the Channel, drifted round the Land's End, and found himself at last in the Severn Sea. An arm of that sea then ran up over Sedgemoor to near Glastonbury. Here the saint landed, and his staff being thrust into the ground took root and so established the first of the miraculous thorns in England. What was reputed to be the original tree stood on the slope of Weary All Hill near the town, but was torn up and destroyed during the religious fury of the Civil Wars. If scarcely common, however, specimens of the thorn are not rare about the Southern Counties. In the Middle Ages cuttings of the thorn were gifts eagerly accepted by kings, and in times a little later a brisk trade in small rooted plants was done by the merchants of Bristol. By these means the Glastonbury thorn was spread over Northern Europe, where it is often met with.

A group of plants emblematic of the bush burning without consuming symbolise the doctrine of the Incarnation. Of these the best known is our common holly or "holy" bush, whose brilliant scarlet berries are no bad symbol of flame. The wild myrtle or butcher's broom of our commons is another of these; at a certain stage of its growth it emits an inflammable gas of the nature of ether, which will ignite in favourable conditions. The wild dittany or fraxinella is identified with the same tradition, and is known as the Burning Bush to the peasants of certain parts of England. This plant after the ripening of its seed-pods assumes a resinous quality, and gives off an aromatic vapour which will burn in the air with a lambent flame upon the application of a light. Mistletoe, with its venerable history as the sacred plant of the Druids, was adopted by Northern Christendom as a seasonable emblem of the Incarnation, a perfect plant springing complete from a grosser parent.

Most of us know the story of the black hellebore or Christmas rose, the one garden flower which really thrives through the inclemency of our English winter, but it is so beautiful as to bear repetition. Madelon, the poor maiden of Judaea, came with the shepherds to Bethlehem; she was even poorer than they, and wept at the thought that she had no gift to bring to the manger. The angel Gabriel appeared, and asked her the cause of her grief. "I have nothing to give," she said, "not even a flower, for the spring is not yet come." Gabriel led her forth by the hand and struck the arid ground with his staff, which bloomed at once with the pure white flowers of the Christmas

rose. With these Madelon filled her arms and ran to kneel at the cradle. Many other humble plants are associated with the Christmas story. The sweet-smelling yellow galium bears the name of Our Lady's Redstraw in every language of modern Europe; the humble plant, which laid with the others in the cradle, burst into a golden blossom to make an aureole about the head of the Child. The bracken refused that act of homage, and has never flowered since; but if cut across its stem at the Christmas season, it displays the sacred initial in the Greek character in token of its penitence. Last of all are the herbs and grasses upon which the oxen fed in the lowly chamber of birth, a legend which still appears in their name of sanfoin, the "holy fodder."

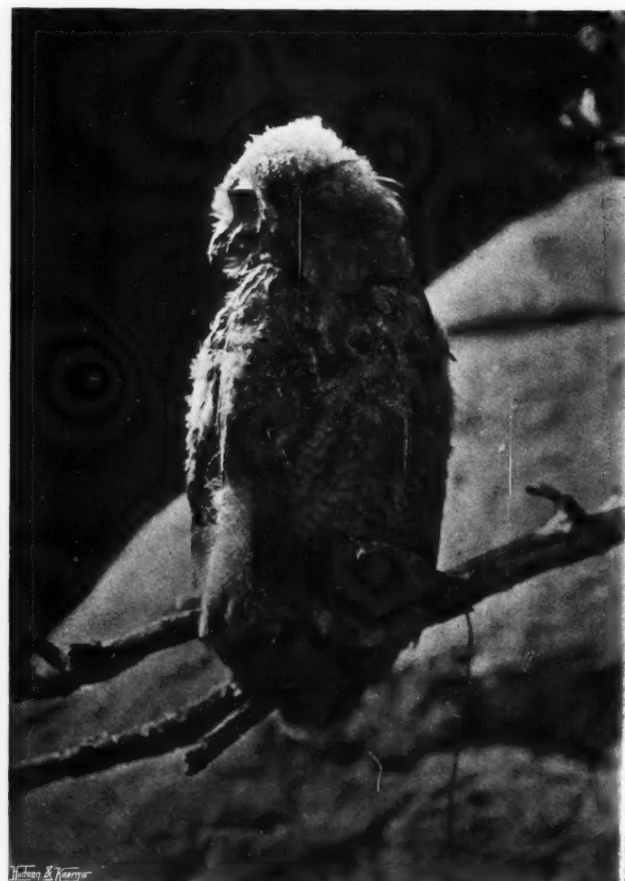
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THE EAGLE OWL.



NEST AND EGGS.

THE eagle owl, one of the largest of its species, is fairly common throughout the hilly districts of Andalusia, though on account of its nocturnal habits it is seldom seen. Should one, however, be flushed in the daytime it appears not to be the least dazzled, even in bright sunlight. It is an exceedingly handsome bird, standing about 27 in., the general colouring being orange tawny, streaked with black, the very



YOUNG EAGLE OWL.

large irides being of the most brilliant yellow, to which, alas! no photograph can do justice. They are very fierce, and most destructive to game of all sorts, though from the innumerable bones and castings lying near the nest, in which I found a partridge and a rabbit, the latter seems to be their staple article of food. They breed very early in the year, the hen laying about the middle of February (those shown in these pictures being hatched on March 8th), and the young do not leave their home till well on in May. Of nest there is none, the two (rarely three) large round white eggs being deposited on the ground, usually in a cavern, but sometimes on a ledge of rock sheltered by a bush, on which the old bird sits very close; indeed, it was not until I had actually looked into that shown in the illustration that the hen flew off, but though I made several attempts to portray her *in situ*, I never succeeded. They use the same nesting-places year after year, and usually, as is the case with many birds of prey, have an alternative site to which they repair if disturbed; these generally have a northern aspect, chosen no doubt to shelter the young from the fierce rays of the southern sun. The young, which when newly hatched are very quaint little objects covered with white down, begin to get their pinion feathers in about a month, and have a curious habit of snapping their beaks whenever one approaches too close to their abode. H. MOORE.



JUST FLEDGED.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FATAL FIGHT OF SHRIKE AND CUCKOO.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "COUNTRY LIFE."]

SIR,—I think the following account of a very interesting and, I should imagine, quite unique occurrence in our natural history records cannot fail to surprise your readers, as it certainly surprised me. The first part of the story is vouched for as being absolutely true by a friend of my own who is not merely a person of veracity, but a really practised observer as well as a good field naturalist. One day in the summer, when he was walking round the place with his gamekeeper, he saw two birds fluttering, chasing and making a great commotion in a low tree. They were very intent on each other, and allowed the men to approach them closely enough to see their species very plainly—the one was a cuckoo and the other a red-backed shrike, the common butcher bird. My friend stood a long while watching this fight, which went on without any intermission, and seemed a very evenly matched one. And then, unfortunately, he tired of the spectacle, or had not time to watch it longer, and went away. A short while afterwards his keeper came up to the house and brought in the shrike and the cuckoo, the former quite dead and the latter with life not yet quite extinct. The cuckoo, however, died in a very short time. The keeper, who had continued to watch the fight after his master went home, saw both birds fall out of the tree together and struggle a little while on the ground. Then, seeing their struggles grow more feeble, he came nearer, and found the shrike dead and the cuckoo so badly hurt that it seemed even then that it could not recover. My friend is perfectly satisfied that the keeper's account of what took place is absolutely authentic and accurate, in the first place because of his knowledge of the man's character, and in the second place because all that he himself saw of the fight seemed to promise a battle *à l'outrance*. It is not difficult to understand and not very improbable, that the cuckoo may have tried to put its egg into the shrike's nest, and that the latter objected with a vigour which aroused the maternal fury (such as it is) of the cuckoo; "and so the fight began." That is an easy hypothesis enough; but, as for the incident, it is the first time that I, for one, ever heard of anything at all like it. I do not know whether the comment is worth making, but the shrike's egg is so like the egg of the orphan warbler—the favourite bird of the cuckoo for fostering its children in Southern Europe—that the cuckoo of this story may have had a mysterious inherited instinct telling it—but not with a very wise or kind prevision in this instance—that here was a clutch of eggs among which its own would be kindly welcomed. It is also, alternatively, possible that the shrike began by following the instinct of mobbing the cuckoo common to many little birds, which will mob a hawk also, or, indeed, any bird of considerable size which comes near their haunts. In fact, there are many

possible ways in which the fight might have begun; the interesting point about it is its continuance to an end fatal to both the fighters. Can any reader of COUNTRY LIFE record a similar case?—H. G. H.

THE RULES OF COCK-FIGHTING IN 1746.

[TO THE EDITOR.]

SIR,—Perhaps the following notes on this old-time sport may interest some of your readers: In 1748 Thomas Cust of Danby Hill, Danby Wiske, brought an action, which was tried at Ripon, against Ralph Thompson and Martin Dunn, relating to an agreement for a main or match of cocks to be fought at Bishop's Auckland. The case turned upon the rules, orders and methods of cock-fighting, by which cocks are commonly and usually matched and fought, and particularly "when a battle comes to sett [*i.e.*, handing the birds and inciting them to fight], or when one or both of the cocks refuse to fight, or when one of them is so hurt that a wager of ten pounds to five shillings is offered to be laid against him." John Sutton of Warrington, Lancashire, cock-feeder, gave evidence that he had known the rules of cock-fighting for twelve years. He said that when both cocks leave off fighting until either of the handers count forty then "the long law is in," and both handers bring the cocks together, and if one cock refuse fighting after counting ten, then the hander of the fighting cock counts ten more, and the cocks are put together again, and then if the same cock refuses again to fight, the hander of the fighting cock again counts ten, and if he refuses ten times ten he is taken away and the fighting cock declared the winner. It was usual for the hander to call out aloud each time a cock refused. When two cocks are set together after the long law of forty is told, and both refuse fighting ten times, then a fresh cock is to be brought to the pit and set down to each of such cocks, and if one of such cocks fight such fresh cock and the other refuses, then the fighting cock wins; but if both fight, or both refuse, then it is a drawn battle. If £10 to 5s. is offered on one cock and no person accepts the wager, then the hander of the cock on whose side the odds are offered counts forty, and if the odds are not taken he wins the main. If the wager is accepted, then the hander starts counting, and the cock refusing ten times is the loser. A cock taken away prematurely loses the main. Having thus stated the rules, Sutton related that he was present at the match in question as feeder and hander to Mr. Cust. The main was nineteen battles, ten of which were won by Cust and nine by Dunn. The rules were observed by him as given above, and as he and others had observed in the chief matches fought in the North. But the transactions of Dunn were unfair, particularly in the seventh main. Sutton had counted ten two or three times and his cock fought, but Dunn pushed his cock on to it unfairly and began to count from the two or three times, although his cock was actually dead or dying, and they took it away. Sutton for the satisfaction of all parties fetched a fresh cock and turned him down to his own, which at once fought it. The main lasted five days, and on the third a battle was being fought between a red dun cock belonging to Cust, and a "yellow-winged" grey cock belonging to Dunn. Very soon the red cock knocked the grey down, and had so great an advantage that £10 to 5s. were laid on it. Sutton, according to the rules, counted forty, and then ten, twice or thrice. Dunn pretended his cock had fought and began counting, and said upon the first setting to three or four times "refused." He then brought his cock unfairly to, and pushed him on Sutton's, hastily, and inaudibly counted ten and took his cock away. Sutton complained to the gentlemen present, who (to no purpose) spoke to Dunn, but he persisted and carried off his cock, which was dead in Sutton's opinion. Sutton at once fetched a fresh cock (although not bound by the rules to do so), and his cock at once fought it. He maintained that even if Dunn's cock had had the advantage, yet by taking it away before he had counted ten times ten properly, he lost the main; and that after the bet was laid and he had counted forty, Dunn's cock never fought or made battle at his, or he would have observed it, it being his business to do so. These details are taken from the Calendar of Exchequer Depositions in the Forty-second Report of the Deputy Keeper of Public Records, page 236, and may be worth recording in COUNTRY LIFE.—R. STEWART-BROWN.

BLACK FALLOW DEER.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "COUNTRY LIFE."]

SIR,—Referring to the notes on black fallow deer in your most interesting paper, I can give you the information that here (County Somogy, Hungary), where I have some 250 head of fallow deer, black and spotted, wild in the woods (not park), I have often observed in the breeding-time black bucks



THE BREAKFAST HOUR.

with spotted does and *vice versa*, as well as black does with spotted fawns and *vice versa*, and this summer one solitary white doe had a black fawn, so I am of opinion that here, at all events, they interbreed freely.—COUNT KALMAN FESTETTIS.

GOLDEN EAGLE IN SURREY.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "COUNTRY LIFE."]

SIR,—One of these rare birds has been taken lately by the keeper on the Cheverells Farm, Warlingham, about twenty miles from London. For some time the pheasants had been leaving the wood they were reared and regularly fed in, and the keeper, noticing that this large buzzard hawk, as he supposed it to be, frequented the wood, decided to destroy it, which he did on the 13th inst. The wings measured from tip to tip 6ft. 5in., and the total weight was 10lb. Query: Is not this occurrence a record for Surrey?—W. N. C.

AN OLD EPITAPH.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "COUNTRY LIFE."]

SIR,—In reference to the lines:

"Life's an inn where travellers stay.
Some only breakfast and away;
Others to dinner stay and are full fed,
The oldest only sup and go to bed.
Long is his bill who lingers all the day,
Who goes the soonest has the least to pay"

given in the "Literary Notes" of your issue of December 1st, 1906, I write to tell you that besides the two instances mentioned by you, I know of a third tombstone where this epitaph occurs, namely, on a grave close to the castle in the churchyard at Stirling, N.B. I hope this may be of some interest to you or your readers.—L. B. BALL.

MANURE FOR SANDY SOIL.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "COUNTRY LIFE."]

SIR,—On reading the article in your issue of December 1st on "The Nature of Manure," I agree with the writer that "bone manure is of very little use on sandy soil." I should be glad to know what kind of manure you consider best for sandy soil.—C. M. C.

[Cow manure should be used for sandy soils, as it is cool and sustaining to plant-life under these conditions. We do not advise the use of artificial manure until the soil has been improved by the addition of the manure mentioned. If you cannot get cow manure, use ordinary farmyard manure; but procure the other if possible, as it is the heaviest, and has most "body" in it.—ED.]

THE USE OF SEAWEED.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "COUNTRY LIFE."]

SIR,—Can you or any of your readers advise me as to the use of fresh seaweed in a garden? It is, of course, an excellent manure in a well-rotted state, but is it safe to use it straight off the beach as a protection, for instance, for the roots of roses, and as a general top-dressing to the soil? Or is there too much salt in it at first?—H. N. M.

[Fresh seaweed is an excellent manure to trench into the soil in winter, more particularly for enriching the land for the growth of vegetables, but certainly not as a winter surface

dressing for the protection of roses or any other surface-rooting plants. Seaweed is the coldest manure that can be applied to the soil, and therefore as a winter dressing used in the way suggested should be avoided.—ED.]

FIELD NAMES.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "COUNTRY LIFE."]

SIR,—The following names of closes and selions, or lands, in an open field, occur in a local Lincolnshire paper among the auction sales—they all belong to one property: Tassel Croft, Osgangs, Bawfleet, Reuben Closes, Blackmoor, Coneygarth, Turf Stacks, Short Owl Run, Ellers, Godspeed, Suckstall, Scab Flat.—C. B. COLLINSON.

WANDERING FOLK.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "COUNTRY LIFE."]

SIR,—The family sitting round the fire at the tent door waiting till the pot boils for breakfast was taken at Callander. When having a walk one afternoon I observed the tent in a wood, about 100yds. from the road, and went over to see it. There was no one about except a man who was preparing tea. Not knowing who I was, he was rather suspicious of me at first, as the police and farmers do not care about the presence of nomads, and keep them always on the move when possible. I learned that he had come back to have something ready to eat when his wife and family returned, and he was more than pleased when I spoke of taking a photograph of them, as they had never had anything of the kind before, so I arranged to go back the following morning before nine, as they were to shift their camp then. I was there at my time, but had to wait a good while, as the children were still in bed; not having any clock or watch, they had no idea what time it was. All sleep in the one little tent shown in the picture. They make a living by selling dishes and other small household articles, and have a light cart that holds all their belongings, but no horse; the man himself does the horse's work, getting in between the shafts, with a strap over his shoulder, and pulling it about from place to place. The other picture was taken in the same neighbourhood, a few miles from Callander. One of the main routes North and South passes through this part of the country, hence the reason this class of people is so frequently met with. There was quite a little encampment at the roadside with their five or six tents, and they form a small clan of their own, with the old tinker—shown at work in the second picture—as their king, but they are a lazy and dirty lot of people, and would not work unless obliged to. The younger men had a light boat which they carried about with them for fishing. A deep river, with a muddy bottom, runs from Loch Voil to Loch Lubnaig, and it was by the side of this that they had pitched their tents. Shellfish abound in some places in this river, and the men spend a good deal of their time fishing for these. In these fish, small pearls are found, which the women sell to the country people. They are usually very small, but occasionally a large and valuable one is found. One of the men played the bagpipes in the villages and at the farms, while some of the others went round begging. All smoke, men and women, too, but, as the pipes were scarce, the same one was handed round from the one to the other, merely getting a wipe with a dirty hand.—Z.



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NEAR ASCOT AND WINDSOR FOREST (in a favourite locality).—To be LET, unfurnished, on Lease, the above well-appointed RESIDENCE, surrounded by charming grounds. It stands on rising ground, approached by carriage drive with lodge at entrance, and contains suite of reception rooms, billiard room, and fifteen bed and dressing rooms; stabling for six horses and other buildings. The grounds and gardens are very choice. The entire Property is in perfect order, and strongly recommended by the Agents, WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W. (21,427.)

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THE MARKET.

PRE-EMINENT QUALIFICATIONS OF RESIDENCE,
SPORTING AND AGRICULTURE.

THE PROPERTY is situated in the Southern Midlands, within a short and rapid railway journey of London, and possesses Residential, Sporting, and Investment Endowments of a high order. Extending over an area of nearly 3,000 acres (which would be reduced to about 1,200 acres if desired), it includes a well-known MANSION HOUSE, affording every convenience for the family and establishment of a gentleman of rank and wealth; old-established gardens and pleasure grounds, a superbly timbered park, a large area of well-grown woods and plantations; an entire village; a number of excellent farms, numerous accommodation holdings, an Advowson, and several manors. The residential section is one of first-class county rank, while the agricultural portion has an excellent reputation, and is occupied by a substantial and prosperous tenantry. The Estate has the further advantage of a long river frontage, offering unequalled facilities for boating and fishing. The shooting over the domain is of a very high-class character, and hunting may be had practically every day in the week with some of the best packs in the Kingdom. Personally inspected and strongly recommended.—WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W.

PERFECT COUNTRY HOME (half-an-hour from Town).—An opportunity now occurs of securing an exceptionally beautiful RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, splendidly positioned amidst absolutely rural surroundings, adjacent to a picturesque village, and about two miles from two stations whence London is reached in about half-an-hour. The Residence stands high in superb grounds and parklands of about 23 acres, and is faultlessly equipped and appointed throughout. It contains square hall, three reception rooms, handsome billiard room, boudoir, conservatory, twelve bed and dressing rooms, two bathrooms, and good offices; electric light, excellent water and sanitation; stabling, motor-house, lodge, and cottages; grounds of singular beauty, with magnificent forest trees, croquet, tennis, and other lawns, fruit and kitchen gardens, and finely-timbered park-like pasture; near church and telegraph; hunting with two packs.—Messrs. WALTON & LEE unhesitatingly recommend this choice property as a result of their personal inspection. Particulars may be obtained at their offices, 10, Mount Street, London, W. (21,598.)



IN THE WESTERN MIDLANDS.

At an Investment Price.

A COMPACT AND HIGHLY DESIRABLE RESIDENTIAL ESTATE, comprising an area of upwards of 1,200 acres, and including the above substantial, moderate-sized Family Residence with entrance lodge, carriage drive, etc.; handsomely timbered pleasure grounds and park-like lands, lakes, walled gardens, and glasshouses. The Estate is divided into conveniently apportioned farms and accommodation holdings, all let to excellent tenants at admittedly low rentals. The Estate possesses several small coverts, and affords very fair shooting.—WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W. (17,417.)

MESSRS. WALTON & LEE, LAND AGENTS, AUCTIONEERS & SURVEYORS,

TELEPHONES:
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3645 GERRARD.

10, MOUNT STREET, GROSVENOR SQUARE, LONDON, W.

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TELEGRAMS:
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And at Guildford, Reading, Weybridge, Woking,
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PRETTY OLD-FASHIONED MANOR HOUSE.
In this favourite and beautiful district, standing right off the road, in choice old grounds and grassland, in all about sixteen acres. Residence has been modernised and added to, contains fine hall, lighted from roof, four reception rooms, twelve bed and dressing rooms, bath; excellent stabling, glass, and outbuildings. Personally inspected and recommended. Photos. Freehold, £6,500.—ALEX. H. TURNER & CO., 69, South Audley Street, W.



TO LET, FURNISHED, OR SOLD.

ROEHAMPTON (quiet spot, away from motors and close to the lovely Wimbledon Common and Richmond Park).—Charming and picturesque RESIDENCE, to LET, Furnished, for Winter, at 6 guineas per week. Nine bedrooms, bath (h. and c.), large reception rooms; stabling, glass, and old gardens; about TWO ACRES. Well Furnished. Freehold for SALE, £4,500.

CHEAP HOUSE FOR A FAMILY OR SCHOOL.



£4,500 FREEHOLD.—A spacious and most convenient arranged RESIDENCE, standing high on gravel, only 20 minutes from the Metropolis; perfectly screened from road and surrounded by very fine old grounds; ten bedrooms, two bathrooms, large reception rooms; stabling, glass, etc.; main drainage; electric light.—Inspected by ALEX. H. TURNER & CO., 69, South Audley Street, W.

AT A VERY LOW RENT.



SURREY (within 30 minutes of Waterloo, with splendid service).—First-class FAMILY HOUSE on summit of hill 250ft. above sea; thirteen bedrooms, two baths, five reception rooms, billiard; stabling; glass; fine old grounds four acres; long drive. Gravel soil. Perfect order. Rent about £300 per annum. Inspected.—ALEX. H. TURNER & CO., 69, South Audley Street, W.

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UNDER £20 AN ACRE—BERKS.—RESIDENTIAL AND AGRICULTURAL ESTATE. 300 acres, including half-a-dozen splendid woods for game; House, with park-like surroundings, has six bedrooms and three reception rooms; tennis lawn, part walled garden, orchard; three cottages. One-and-a-quarter miles of station. Price includes valuable timber.—Apply NICHOLAS, DENYER & CO., 43, Pall Mall, S.W.



BERKS HILLS.—Above delightful and interesting old SEAT to be LET, Unfurnished, or whole Estate of 950 acres will be SOLD at tempting price. The Mansion, standing in park 400ft. above sea, is in perfect repair, and contains much valuable panelling, plasterwork ceilings, etc. Accommodation: 20 bed and dressing rooms, three bathrooms, four reception rooms, billiard room, noble hall and landings; stabling, cottages, and lodge;

WONDERFUL OLD GROUNDS, MAGNIFICENT PARK;

recent water and sanitation; gas; choice decorations. The land affords good shooting. It is divided into farms, each with good house and homestead. Rent, Unfurnished, £325. Price low.—Apply NICHOLAS, DENYER & CO., Reading, and 43, Pall Mall, S.W.

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FURNISHED SEAT, 13,000 ACRES SHOOT, AND THIRTEEN MILES TROUT FISHING.—To be LET, for term of five years or less, a delightful FAMILY RESIDENCE, standing over 500ft. above sea, in a fine old park, and containing seventeen bed and dressing rooms, two bathrooms, four reception rooms, and good offices; stabling for several horses, and cottages; beautiful pleasure grounds and walled garden.

MODERN WATER AND SANITATION. FIRST-CLASS REPAIR.

The Residence is beautifully decorated and furnished, and everything in perfect order. The shooting is compact, and includes a large area of wood and cover. About £1,000 recently spent. Rent low, to include gardener's and keepers' wages.—Inspected and recommended by the Sole Agents, NICHOLAS, DENYER & CO., 43, Pall Mall, S.W.



AN HOUR OF TOWN.

SUSSEX HILLS (in a high and very beautiful spot, with glorious views for between 20 and 30 miles).—To be SOLD, at a very low price, a most charming little RESIDENTIAL ESTATE of about 63 acres. The Residence is exceptionally well built, and is in perfect order; gravel soil; south aspect; eleven good bedrooms (with ample room for more), bathroom, large sitting hall, four magnificent reception rooms, and splendid domestic offices; excellent stabling. The grounds were laid out under the direction of a well-known landscape gardener, and include Dutch gardens some 80 yards long, surrounded by yew hedges, shrubberies, shady walks, etc. Lovely old Sussex farm-house (date 1725), and cottages for coachman and gardener. Would LET, Unfurnished.—Strongly recommended from a personal knowledge by NICHOLAS, DENYER & CO., 43, Pall Mall, S.W.



STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.

LOVELY ASHDOWN FOREST (with splendid views; close to golf links).—To be SOLD, the above picturesque RESIDENCE, situate amidst some of the most lovely grounds to be found in the South of England. The House is beautifully appointed and in perfect order throughout; ten large bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, three to four fine reception rooms, two halls, conservatory, and good offices; excellent stabling for four horses, gardener's cottage; delightfully disposed pleasure grounds, finely timbered, sixteen acres in all. Price £5,500.—Full particulars of NICHOLAS, DENYER & CO., 43, Pall Mall, S.W.

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LOVELY POSITION.

HANTS (in a delightful situation on very high ground, with fine views extending over the New Forest).—To be SOLD, a remarkably choice RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY of about 30 acres, with the above first-rate modern Residence, beautifully fitted and appointed and lighted by electricity. Contains fine hall 27ft. by 17ft., handsome billiard and suite of spacious reception rooms, sixteen bed and dressing and three bathrooms, complete offices; ample stabling, lodge, cottage, glass houses, etc.; lovely grounds, beautifully wooded with a wealth of shrubs and trees of luxurious growth, wide spreading lawns, prolific kitchen gardens, grassland, and charming woodlands with delightful walks.—Inspected and recommended by the Agents, Messrs. GIDDY & GIDDY, 4, Waterloo Place, S.W.



ON THE ITALIAN COAST.—To be SOLD, a unique little PROPERTY, comprising an island of about an acre, within a short distance of a lodge on the mainland, with which it is in telephonic communication. There is a picturesque House with large reception rooms and entrance hall, five or six bedrooms, two bathrooms, and very good offices. There is also accommodation for servants. An ideal spot for a lover of the sea.—Particulars and terms of Messrs. GIDDY & GIDDY, 4, Waterloo Place, Pall Mall, London, S.W.



40 MINUTES' RAIL OF TOWN (in a beautifully wooded and undulating neighbourhood, and remarkably healthy, on gravel soil).—To be SOLD, this picturesque COUNTRY HOUSE (Queen Anne date, but four years ago entirely modernised, including electric lighting, at cost of £4,000), in a beautiful position, with fine views, with lovely old grounds, woodlands, and pasture of nearly 200 acres, lodge, and five cottages. House contains good hall, billiard, and four reception rooms, winter garden, fifteen bed and four bath rooms, capital offices; stabling for five or eight; bailiff's house and farmery, 1,000 acres. Shooting and trout fishing can be rented. Golf links close by. Hunting with three or four packs.—Agents, Messrs. GIDDY & GIDDY, 4 Waterloo Place.



TO GOLFERS AND OTHERS.

10 MINUTES FROM THE FAVOURITE RYE GOLF LINKS AND SEA.—To be SOLD, or LET, furnished or unfurnished, this charming modern RESIDENCE, in pleasant situation, with due south aspect. Contains three reception, bath and eight bed and dressing rooms, good offices. Gas and water. Very pretty grounds of one acre, with tennis lawn, kitchen garden, etc. Price, Freehold, £2,200.—Agents Messrs. GIDDY & GIDDY, 4, Waterloo Place, S.W.

WILTSHIRE DOWNS.—Charming stone-tiled COUNTRY COTTAGE, prettily situated on high ground. Contains three sitting and five bedrooms fitted bathroom. Pretty lawns, kitchen garden, and small paddock, altogether two-and-a-half acres, all in good order; stabling for three, and numerous outbuildings. Price £950.—Inspected by the Agents, GIDDY & GIDDY, 4, Waterloo Place, London, S.W.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
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USK (close to first-class SALMON FISHING, and on outskirts of the town).—FOR SALE at a moderate price, a capital COUNTRY HOUSE, on gravel soil, with stabling, farmery, and seven acres of pleasure and kitchen gardens, lawns, shrubberies, orchard and paddock; nine bed and dressing rooms, bathroom (h. and c.), four reception rooms, large hall; gas and water laid on; conservatory and glass-houses; golf; hunting with three packs; near station.—WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, W. (13,807.)



L. & N. W. RY. MAIN LINE, under two hours express trains to the North.—The above charming old XVIIIth Century RESIDENCE to be LET, Furnished. It stands on sandstone, amidst extensive park-like lands and delightful old-world grounds and gardens, in a perfectly dry situation, although surrounded by a picturesque moat, and is in excellent order. Contains entrance hall, inner hall with fine old staircase, four reception rooms, fifteen bed and dressing rooms, two bathrooms, and complete domestic offices; stabling for thirteen, coachman's accommodation, and small farmery. The grounds are inexpensive to maintain, large kitchen garden with moderate number of glasshouses, and about 25 acres of first-class grassland. Good situation for the Atherstone Hounds, and within easy reach of the North Warwickshire; coarse fishing and boating in lake on the Property. Inspected and recommended.—WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, W. (21,516.)

TO HUNTING MEN.
PYCHLEY COUNTRY (between Rugby and Northampton).—For SALE, a convenient Freehold HUNTING BOX with about five acres, and capital stabling for fifteen horses. The House contains nine bed and dressing rooms, bathroom (h. and c.), lounge hall three reception rooms, and offices; heated by hot water; modern drainage and ample supply of water; near village, church, post and telegraph, doctor, and shops.—WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, W. (17,491.)



SURREY AND KENT BORDERS (between Westerham and Otford, 700ft. above sea; easy reach of Limpsfield Golf Links).—£3,000 for the above old-fashioned COUNTRY HOUSE and six acres; stabling for four, motor house and chauffeur's rooms, pleasure and kitchen gardens, farmery and meadows; eight bed and dressing rooms, bath (h. and c.), oak-beamed reception rooms, charming old hall, and chimney corner; three miles from station, near village.—WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, W. (21,561.)

HOOK HEATH, WOKING (five minutes from the Golf Links, about a mile from Woking Junction with its magnificent train service).—To be SOLD, a capital FAMILY RESIDENCE, in a high sheltered position on sandy soil and fitted with all modern improvements, electric light and Company's water; attractive grounds, kitchen garden, orchard, glasshouses, and paddock; four-and-a-half acres; eleven bed and dressing rooms, two bathrooms, three reception rooms, lounge hall and conservatory; carriage drive; fine views.—WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, W. (21,606.)

NORTHUMBERLAND.—One of the best-known SPORTING PROPERTIES in this county to be LET. It extends to upwards of 5,600 acres, including a good proportion of grouse moor, several hundred acres of coverts, and excellent trout fishing; very comfortable moderate-sized Mansion with billiard room, and every accommodation for a family, together with necessary stabling; inexpensive grounds, gardens, etc.—Full particulars WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, W.



YORKSHIRE (near Northallerton; in a lovely district, two miles from two stations).—For SALE, the above excellent COUNTRY HOUSE, standing in a beautifully-timbered miniature park of 27 acres; seventeen bed and dressing rooms, billiard, and four reception rooms; stabling for ten, farmery, and seven cottages; attractive well-timbered but inexpensive grounds, tastefully laid out, tennis lawns and ornamental water, three kitchen gardens, glasshouses, and orchard; easy reach of polo, close to the Bedale kennels.—WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, W. (20,775.)

MESSRS. WALTON & LEE publish two large illustrated REGISTERS, containing a selection of the best RESIDENTIAL ESTATES, Country Residences, Shootings, Hunting Boxes, Fishings, etc., for SALE and to be LET, Furnished and Unfurnished, in all parts of the United Kingdom. The best and most reliable published. Copies free on application, or to any address for six stamps. On receipt of a memorandum indicating the class of property required. Messrs. WALTON & LEE will return a specially marked list, showing at a glance descriptions of those places answering the requirements of the applicant.—Offices, 10, Mount Street London, W. Telegraphic Address: "Waltons, London."

NO COMMISSION REQUIRED FROM VENDOR.

£50,000 TO £103,000 will be paid for a good and compact ESTATE, situated within easy distance of one of the great main lines of railway, and combining in more than average degree advantages of residence and sporting. The property should embrace a well-appointed Mansion of moderate size, with all essential appurtenances, and a well-timbered park. The farms must either be let or be readily lettable, and the income from the same must show a reasonable return on the proportion of capital represented by the agricultural land.—Particulars, marked "M. P.," to WALTON & LEE, Land Agents, 10, Mount Street, London, W.

REQUIRED TO RENT, in Yorks or N. Wales, an Unfurnished HOUSE, with at least nine or ten bedrooms; standing high on gravel and facing south. Stabling for three horses; good garden. Rough shooting. Rent up to £200 a year.—Send full particulars and photograph to "C. T. R.," Messrs. WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, W.

WEST SUSSEX, NEAR HORSHAM.



MANORIAL, RESIDENTIAL AND SPORTING ESTATE of nearly 500 ACRES for SALE, price under £12,000. XVIIIth Century House (as above), with beautiful but inexpensive grounds and gardens; stabling for ten, cottages, and five sets of farm-buildings, all well situated and in excellent order. The Estate commands magnificent views, including the North and South Downs and the Guildford hills. Long carriage drive through pretty avenue; nine bed and dressing rooms, bath (h. and c.), four reception rooms, full-sized billiard room; all modern conveniences and draughts; the land is principally grass, with 60 acres of arable, and 20 wood; it is well-timbered and watered, and for its area affords excellent shooting; near golf links; hunting with four packs; close to village, three miles from station. OR the House would be SOLD with about 100 ACRES.—Full particulars of Messrs. WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, W. (21,626.)

£3,000 FOR A CHARMING PROPERTY IN THE V.W.H. COUNTRY.—An attractive old-fashioned RESIDENCE, in well-timbered grounds, gardens and grasslands of over five acres; four reception rooms, eleven bed and dressing rooms, and good offices. Stabling for eight, with outbuildings. Gas and water laid on; sandy soil; easy drive from Junction Station on G.W. Ry., main line, one-and-a-half hours from London. Cottages if required.—WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, W. (20,532.)



SALMON AND TROUT FISHING.—Exceptionally beautiful RESIDENTIAL AND SPORTING ESTATE in North Wales, for SALE, comprising over 1,300 acres and the above picturesque Mansion, occupying a fine situation with glorious views of romantic scenery; well-timbered park with two entrance lodges, ornamental lake, mountain stream and avenue of cedars. The Residence contains thirteen (or nineteen) bedrooms, entrance and inner halls, four reception rooms, and ample offices; abundant water supply; private telephone; naturally beautiful pleasure grounds, walled kitchen garden; capital stabling, home farm, etc.; one mile of salmon and trout fishing in a noted river (excellent pools), and good covert shooting; golf.—WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, W. (21,283.)

CENTRE OF BLACKMORE VALE COUNTRY (close to station on main L. & S.W. Ry.; under three hours from London).—To be SOLD, a very desirable and valuable RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, extending to about 20 acres, including a most substantial Residence, containing large hall, five reception rooms, about eighteen bed and dressing rooms, three bathrooms, and first-class domestic offices; splendid stabling for 20 or more horses, groom's accommodation, motor garage, four cottages, cow-houses, etc.; beautifully timbered pleasure grounds, with tennis and croquet lawns, walled kitchen garden, vegetable garden, glasshouses, and rich pastureland; near kennels of the Blackmore Vale, affording six days hunting weekly; polo club two miles off.—Full particulars of WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, W. (20,338.)

HERTS, NEAR HITCHIN.—£3,500 will Purchase a capital COUNTRY HOUSE and eleven acres; pleasure and walled kitchen gardens, tennis and croquet lawns, orchard and meadowland; eight bedrooms, bath, three reception rooms, conservatory; stabling for seven, groom's rooms, two cottages, farmery. High situation; two miles from station; excellent hunting.—WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, W. (21,589.)

IN FAULTLESS ORDER THROUGHOUT.



A SINGULARLY choice moderate sized RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, splendidly positioned near a good town and station, and amidst some of the finest scenery of the Western Midlands, might now be secured upon advantageous terms by a prompt buyer. It extends to about 50 acres, lies in a ring fence, and comprises an imposing Residence of moderate size (as depicted in the above view), approached by a carriage drive with picturesque lodge, and seated in superb grounds. The House, from which extensive views are obtainable, contains large hall, three reception rooms, billiard room, fourteen bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, and well-arranged offices, and is exceptionally well built, and perfectly equipped and appointed in every detail with a view to convenience and comfort. Pure and ample water supply, and excellent sanitation. Stabling and four excellent cottages. The grounds include a large expanse of lawns, and are well sheltered by ornamental timber and shrubs, and the encircling pasturelands are of a park-like character and well timbered. Hunting obtainable with three packs of hounds.—This choice place has been recently inspected and is strongly recommended by WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, W. (21,557.)



IN THE BEAUTIFUL DISTRICT OF GUILDFORD.—A very choice moderate-sized RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY to be SOLD. It comprises the above very picturesque Residence, standing in a well-timbered park and charming grounds, and contains a fine suite of reception rooms, billiard room, about 20 bed and dressing rooms, and good offices; excellent stabling for several horses, necessary farm-building, cottages, etc.; the pleasure grounds are exceptionally beautiful, the gardens productive, and there are good glasshouses.—WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, W. (17,778.)

LEICESTERSHIRE (borders of Derbyshire; one mile from station, Midland and L. & N.W. Rys.; and three-and-a-half miles from market town; hunting with Atherstone and Quorn).—To be LET for six months, or possibly longer, a well furnished COUNTRY MANSION in the Midlands; very pleasant position, gravel subsoil; four large reception rooms, ten bedrooms, five servants' bedrooms, and usual domestic offices; stabling for eight; electric light; excellent water; produce of garden, and rough shooting if desired; three servants left if required.—Apply JOHN GERMAN & SONS, Surveyors, Ashby-de-la-Zouch; or WALTON & LEE, 10, Mount Street, London, W.

BERKS AND OXON BORDERS.



£4,250 ONLY required for the above delightful old-fashioned stone-built RESIDENCE, commanding fine views and having attractive grounds and paddocks of about ELEVEN ACRES; four reception rooms, billiard room, twelve bed and dressing rooms; stabling for twelve; south aspect; gravel soil; hunting with three packs and shooting can be had in the neighbourhood.—WALTON and LEE, 10, Mount Street, W. (21,210.)

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Grand Position.

SURREY.

Magnificent Views.



GOLF. 10 ACRES.

£7,000. A BARGAIN.

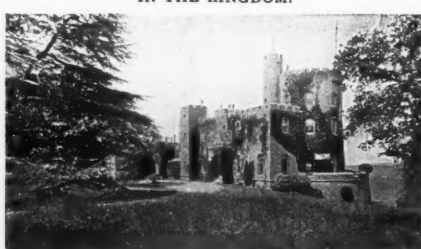
25 MILES OF LONDON.

SURREY.—TO BE SOLD, the above exceedingly charming old-fashioned RESIDENTIAL HOME, a very attractive property in every respect. Standing well back from the road, is approached by a carriage drive with LODGE ENTRANCE, and containing on two floors, 13 BED AND DRESSING ROOMS, principal and secondary staircases, lounge hall, FOUR RECEPTION ROOMS, billiard room, STABLING FOR FIVE HORSES. Well-timbered pleasure grounds, terrace walk, wide-spreading lawns for tennis and croquet, flower, fruit and vegetable gardens, two paddocks; in all ABOUT 10 ACRES, thus forming a unique rural retreat for anyone not requiring a large house, in the LOVELIEST DISTRICT SOUTH OF LONDON.—Inspected and strongly recommended by HAMPTON & SONS, 2 and 3, Cockspur Street, S.W.

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ONE OF THE MOST PICTURESQUE MARINE ESTATES IN THE KINGDOM.

HEALTHY POSITION IN WELL-WOODED COUNTRY.



MIDDLESEX.—To be SOLD, or LET, the above well-built FAMILY RESIDENCE, most pleasantly situated, standing well back from the road in pretty grounds of about four acres; expensively fitted throughout, has almost every possible convenience, and contains nine bedrooms, four reception rooms, two baths, and offices; stabling, tennis and croquet lawns.—Recommended by HAMPTON and Sons, Cockspur Street, S.W.

£2,650.

A BARGAIN.

4 ACRES.

NORRIS CASTLE, COWES, for SALE OR LET, Furnished.—The Castle, formerly a favourite residence of her late Majesty, adjoins Osborne, stands on high ground, sloping to the sea, in beautifully wooded park, about 150 acres, with long sea frontage, boat-house, etc.; it has magnificent views over the great yachting highway and racing courses of the Solent, and steam trial measured mile course of our Navy, and is in full view of the huge ocean liners arriving and departing from Southampton Water, an ever-varying panorama of intense interest; this offers also a unique opportunity for a syndicate to develop the Estate as a high-class watering place, as pier could be easily erected, at which all passenger steamers could call.—Apply to Messrs. MARVINS, COWES; or HAMPTON and Sons, Estate Agents, 2 and 3, Cockspur Street, S.W.

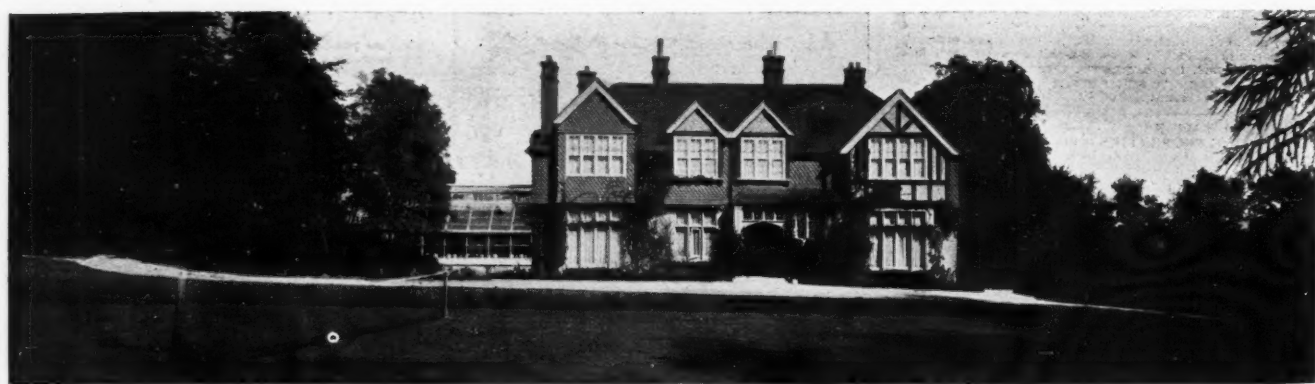
SUSSEX.—TO BE LET OR SOLD, this very attractive old-fashioned RESIDENCE, occupying a healthy position in the midst of undulating and well-wooded country. On two floors, the accommodation comprises eleven bedrooms, four reception rooms, and offices; the grounds are a delightful feature, secluded flower gardens, wilderness walks through pretty plantations, orchard, in all about 20 acres; small farmery; stabling and six cottages.—All particulars of HAMPTON and Sons, Cockspur Street, S.W.

25 ACRES.

2 FLOORS ONLY.

6 COTTAGES.

IN A PERFECTLY RURAL AND PICTURESQUE DISTRICT.



ONLY £5,500.

16 Acres.

Gardener's Cottage,

Hunting.

SUSSEX.—To be SOLD, the above delightful modern RESIDENCE, with south aspect, and surrounded by fully-matured pleasure grounds and approached by carriage drive, and containing entrance and inner hall 19ft. by 14ft., drawing room 26ft. by 20ft., opening into grand conservatory; dining room 22ft. by 16ft., library, gun room, servants' hall. On the first floor are eleven well-arranged bed and dressing rooms, bathroom, principal and secondary staircases. The pleasure grounds are most beautifully timbered, and include tennis lawn, woodland walks, rose, flower and kitchen garden, well-stocked orchard. The stabling consists of three stalls, one loose box, coach-house, and good outbuildings, all in perfect order, rendering it as comfortable and attractive as possible.—Photos. at the Agents' Offices, HAMPTON & SONS, 2 and 3, Cockspur Street, S.W.

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£400,000 (about three hours' rail from London).—A MAGNIFICENT SPORTING DOMAIN consisting of A PALATIAL RESIDENCE AND SEVERAL THOUSAND ACRES.—Agents, Messrs. OSBORN & MERCER.

£300,000.—SOUTH-WESTERN COUNTRIES.—A noble MANSION together with 10,000 ACRES.—Agents, Messrs. OSBORN and MERCER.

£300,000 (within two hours west of Town).—A WELL-KNOWN COUNTY SEAT, comprising a fine old Mansion seated in a magnificent park, and nearly 5,000 ACRES.—Agents, Messrs. OSBORN and MERCER.

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£200,000.—MIDLAND COUNTIES (near a station).—A handsome stone-built MANSION standing on gravel soil in a large well-timbered park, diversified by several lakes, together with nearly 4,000 ACRES.—Agents, Messrs. OSBORN & MERCER.

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£150,000.—LANCASHIRE (in a district unsurpassed for the beauty of its scenery).—One of the choicest RESIDENTIAL ESTATES in the market, comprising a medium-sized old-fashioned Residence with 4,000 ACRES of well-timbered lands.—Agents, Messrs. OSBORN & MERCER. (10,150.)

£150,000.—WEST MIDLANDS (five-and-a-half miles from a first-class town and station).—A valuable Freehold ESTATE of nearly 2,200 ACRES. The commodious Mansion is approached by a long carriage drive and stands about 700ft. above sea level. Excellent trout fishing. Hunting with several packs.—Agents, Messrs. OSBORN & MERCER. (10,473.)

£150,000.—MIDLAND COUNTIES.—A magnificent SPORTING AND RESIDENTIAL ESTATE of nearly 4,300 ACRES. The stately Mansion, surrounded by beautiful old grounds, stands in a grandly timbered and extensive park.—Agents, Messrs. OSBORN & MERCER.

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£130,000.—MIDLANDS (in an excellent hunting district).—A fine ESTATE of about 4,500 ACRES, with a handsome old-fashioned Mansion.—Agents, Messrs. OSBORN & MERCER.

£100,000.—LINCOLNSHIRE (within easy distance of a first-class town).—A magnificent AGRICULTURAL AND SPORTING ESTATE of nearly 5,500 ACRES with a good rent roll.—Agents, Messrs. OSBORN & MERCER.

£100,000.—SOUTHERN COUNTY (in a beautifully wooded and undulating district, about one-and-a-half miles from a station, and within an easy drive of a fashionable watering place).—A fine old Elizabethan MANSION, together with about 4,500 ACRES.—Personally inspected by Messrs. OSBORN & MERCER. (10,629.)

£100,000. (one-and-a-half hours north of Town).—An important Freehold RESIDENTIAL AND SPORTING ESTATE, comprising a medium-sized stone-built Residence, and about 1,750 ACRES of very well timbered land, lying practically in a ring fence, and including nearly the whole of a parish.—Agents, Messrs. OSBORN and MERCER. (10,780.)

£100,000.—EASTERN COUNTIES (in a favourite sporting district).—A handsome old-fashioned MANSION, together with nearly 4,000 ACRES.—Agents, Messrs. OSBORN & MERCER. (11,185.)

£100,000.—EASTERN COUNTIES (in a good sporting district).—A splendid SPORTING ESTATE of over 2,700 ACRES, with a substantial and imposing Mansion, standing in a large and well-timbered park. Exceptionally pretty grounds.—Messrs. OSBORN & MERCER. (11,047.)

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£75,000 (about one-and-a-quarter hours west of London, in a very healthy district; two-and-a-half miles from a main line station).—A valuable Freehold RESIDENTIAL AND SPORTING ESTATE of about 1,800 ACRES, of which 250 are woods. The medium-sized House occupies a very pleasant position on gravel soil, faces south and west, and commands lovely views of the river, which bounds the Estate for about a mile.—Agents, Messrs. OSBORN and MERCER. (11,002.)

£65,000 (under one-and-a-half hours of Town).—An imposing MANSION, beautifully situated in a well-timbered park, and surrounded by nearly 1,900 ACRES.—Agents, Messrs. OSBORN & MERCER.

£65,000 (within one-and-a-half hours of Town; near to a station and in a very favourite residential district).—A handsome and very comfortable FAMILY MANSION, occupying a splendid position in a well-timbered park, and surrounded by nearly 2,000 ACRES. Lovely of pleasure grounds and gardens.—Agents, Messrs. OSBORN & MERCER.

£60,000.—WESTERN MIDLANDS (about five miles from a station).—A medium-sized RESIDENCE, and about 2,600 ACRES of land showing a good return.—Agents, Messrs. OSBORN & MERCER. (10,619.)

£60,000 (three-and-a-half miles from a station and within easy driving distance of WELSHPOOL).—A first-class RESIDENTIAL AND SPORTING ESTATE covering an area of about 2,800 ACRES, intersected and bounded by a river. The comfortable and well-built Mansion has southern aspect, is well-sheltered by magnificent trees, and commands delightful views.—Personally inspected by Messrs. OSBORN & MERCER. (10,560.)

£60,000.—NORFOLK (four miles from a station).—A valuable Freehold RESIDENTIAL AND SPORTING ESTATE of over 1,600 ACRES, including two fine broads of 130 acres in extent. There are two comfortable Residences both occupying pleasant situations, and having pretty pleasure grounds and gardens. The Estate is divided into convenient holdings, with farm-houses and buildings, and is bounded for about two-and-a-half miles by a river.—Agents, Messrs. OSBORN & MERCER. (2080.)

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£50,000.—SOUTH-WESTERN COUNTRY.—An important Freehold ESTATE, showing a good return. It includes a medium-sized Residence and about 1,300 ACRES, bounded for a considerable distance by a salmon and trout river.—Agents, Messrs. OSBORN and MERCER.

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£50,000.—HANTS (within a mile of a main line station).—An exceedingly valuable Freehold ESTATE, consisting of about 340 ACRES, nearly all beautifully timbered parklands. The substantial Residence, of pleasing gabled elevation, contains five reception, billiard, and sixteen bedrooms. It occupies a well-chosen site, is approached by two long carriage drives, and is surrounded by very enjoyable pleasure grounds.—Agents, Messrs. OSBORN and MERCER. (10,994.)

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| 6. GENTLE'S WOOD and HEATH.—A valuable SPORTING PROPERTY and beautiful site | 130 |
| 7. HARLAND'S COPSE and FIELDS.—A fine site for a gentleman's house, with lovely views | 111 |
| 8. PASSFIELD FARM and STONE QUARRY, with extensive road frontages | 59 |
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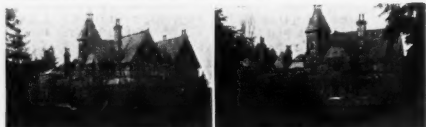
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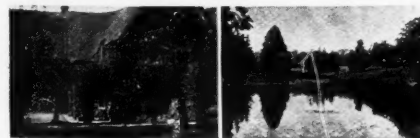
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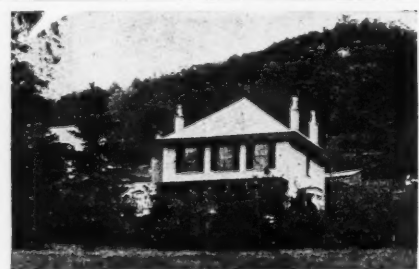


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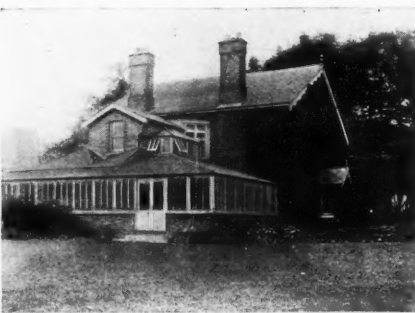
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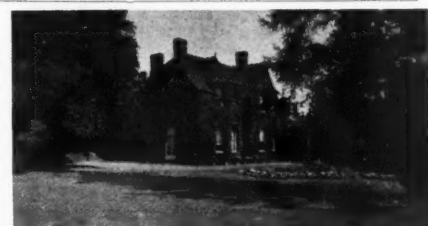
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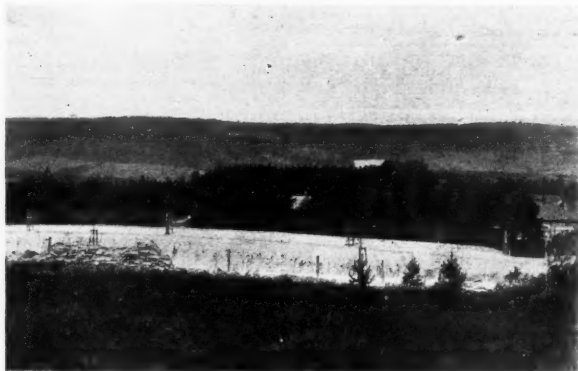
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112 ACRES. GOOD HOUSE. SPORTING.
£5,500.—**HANTS** (main line S.W. Ry.; near market town, in a favourite residential part).—Small ESTATE of 112 acres, with the above very comfortable old-fashioned House, on which £3,000 has recently been expended in improving; stands high with good views; lounge hall, four reception, eleven bedrooms; stabling and outbuildings. Fishing and shooting can be had in district.—Personally inspected by EDWIN FEAR & WALKER, Winchester. (191.)



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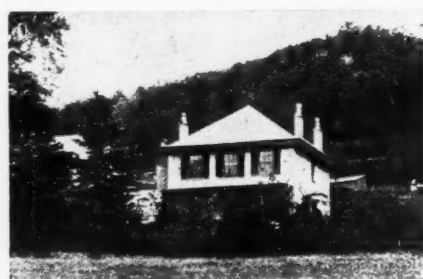
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£1,350 ONLY asked for this charming little PROPERT, occupying a lovely position on the Cotswold Hills; eight bedrooms, three reception rooms; stabling; two-and-a-half acres of beautifully-timbered grounds.

3,500 ACRES, £9 PER ACRE.—Fine SPORTING ESTATE, five hours from London. Small Shooting Box; stabling. Good fishing in noted river. Land tax redeemed. Sound landed investment.—Full information of the Agents, who have recently sold a similar estate in the locality.

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NORTH CORNWALL.—This exceptionally beautiful RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY of about 40 acres. Stone-built Residence; twelve good bedrooms, four large reception rooms; stabling, farmery, lovely old grounds, rookery, and park-like land. Golf, hunting, and fishing. Freehold, £5,000.

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£2,500.—MORTGAGEE'S SALE.—An unusually charming COUNTRY RESIDENCE, in one of the loveliest spots in Somerset, four miles from Clifton, commanding uninterrupted views; six acres pleasure grounds, well-timbered lawns, woodland walks; stabling, etc.; three reception, seven bedrooms, fitted bath, etc.—WM. COWLIN and SON, Clifton, Bristol.

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IN A HIGHLY PICTURESQUE AND FAVOURITE DISTRICT.—40 minutes by rail from London.—For SALE, an exceedingly choice FREEHOLD RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, comprising a charming Residence, lighted throughout by electricity, and fitted with every modern convenience, seated in the midst of a grandly-timbered park with ornamental lake, approached by two beautiful winding woodland drives, each with a picturesque lodge at entrance. The Residence, which stands high, commands good views, and contains a hall, four reception, billiard, sixteen bed and two bathrooms, and unusually good offices; and ample stabling with excellent accommodation for coachman, and beautiful pleasure grounds adorned with fine specimen forest trees, spacious lawns, woodland walks, etc., kitchen garden, glasshouses, cottages, and farmery; the whole extending to about 63 acres.—For the low price, plan and views, apply as above. (H 482.)

SURREY AND HANTS BORDERS.—Freehold to be SOLD, or to be LET, in one of the favourite residential districts, in lovely country amidst the pines, easy of access to Town. A choice Freehold ESTATE of about 243 acres of handsomely-timbered parklands, farmery, etc., together with a comfortable Residence, having nineteen bed and dressing rooms, bath, large hall, four reception rooms, conservatory; stabling and outbuildings; charming grounds, lawns, woodland walks, picturesque lake, kitchen gardens, etc. The Mansion and about 77 acres would be LET at £500 a year.—As above. (H 274.)

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ABOUT 30 miles from London on the L. & S.W. Ry.—To be LET. Unfurnished, a charming old-fashioned RESIDENCE, in the midst of beautifully-timbered grounds of over 40 acres, containing hall, five reception and billiard room, sixteen bedrooms, two bathrooms, good offices, and excellent stabling; tastefully-laid-out pleasure gardens and with charming walks, wide spreading lawns, etc., good kitchen.—Full particulars of the above. (H 483.)

A PICTURESQUE OLD-FASHIONED RESIDENCE, in the Dorking district, beautifully furnished, to be LET till May at 4 guineas per week; six bedrooms, bathroom, three reception rooms; stabling, motor house; old-world gardens.—Full particulars. (H 382.)

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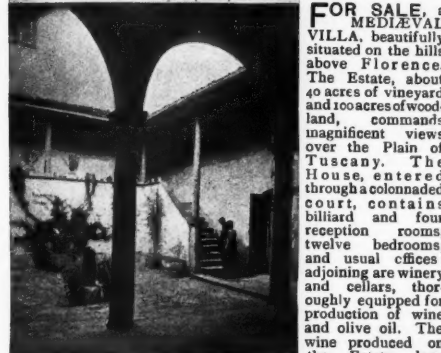
GLOS.—For SALE, or to be LET, Unfurnished, beautifully situated RESIDENCE on Cotswold Hills; excellent HUNTING with LORD FITZARDINGE'S and DUKE OF BEAUFORT'S HOUNDS; sitting hall, two reception, eight bedrooms, bathroom (h. and c.), ample domestic offices; stabling; gardens, two orchards, paddock, two conservatories, etc. Price £1,700. Rent £70.—Apply POWELL & POWELL, Estate Agents, Bath.

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SANDERSTEAD (Surrey; near the Purley Downs Golf Links).—By order of Trustees.—

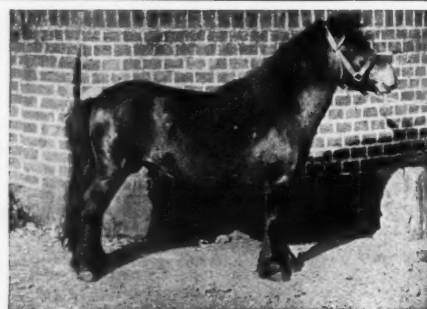
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SAMUEL PARKER, Town Clerk.
Town Hall, Bolton, 23rd November, 1906.

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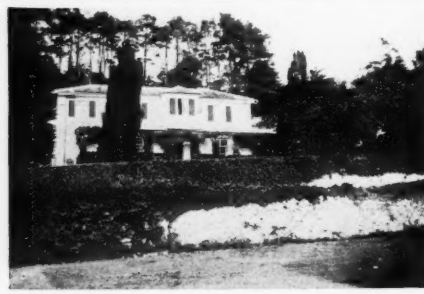
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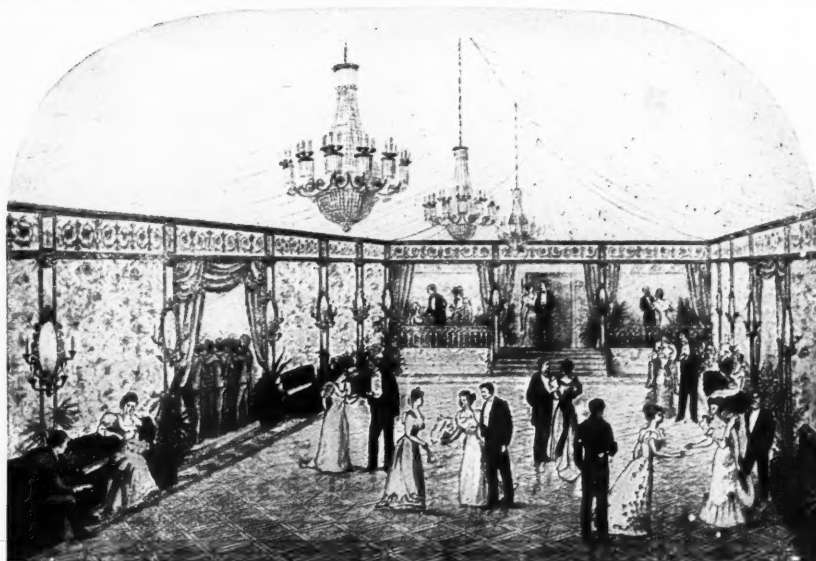
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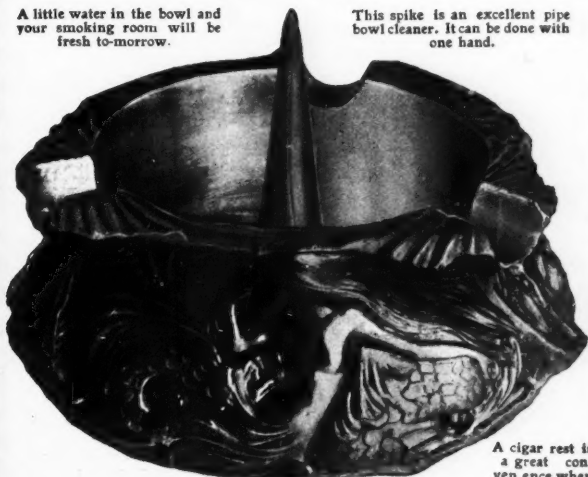
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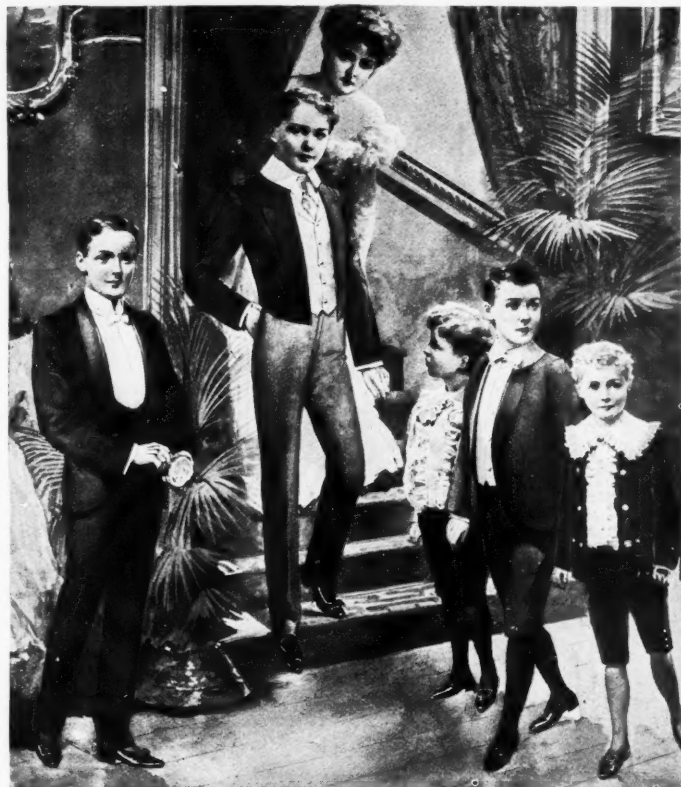
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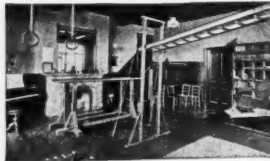
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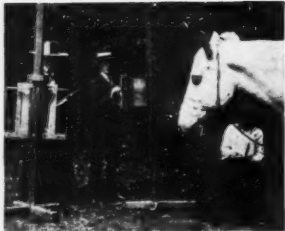


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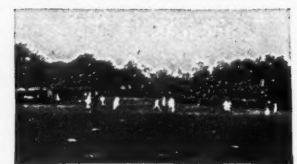
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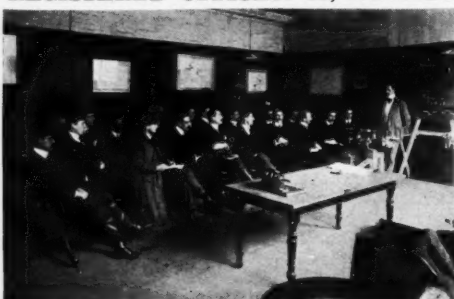
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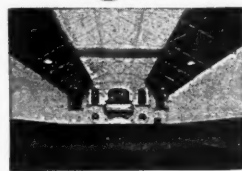
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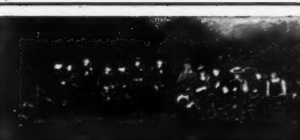
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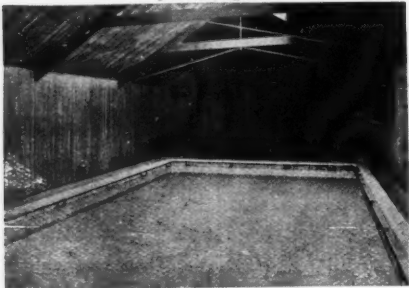
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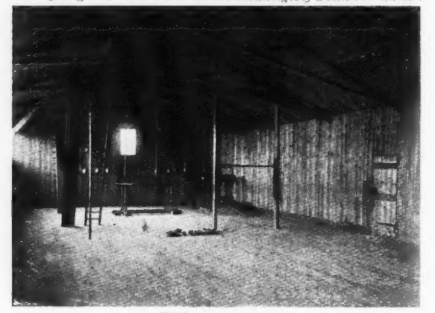
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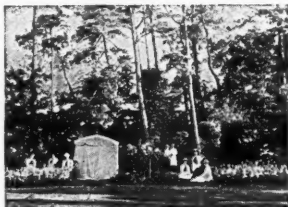
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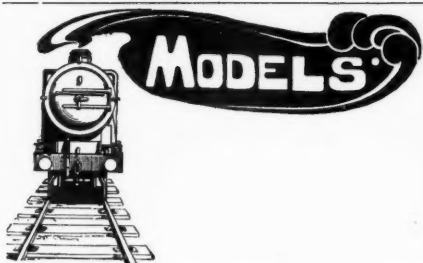
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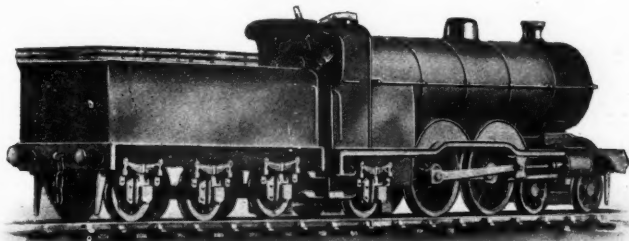
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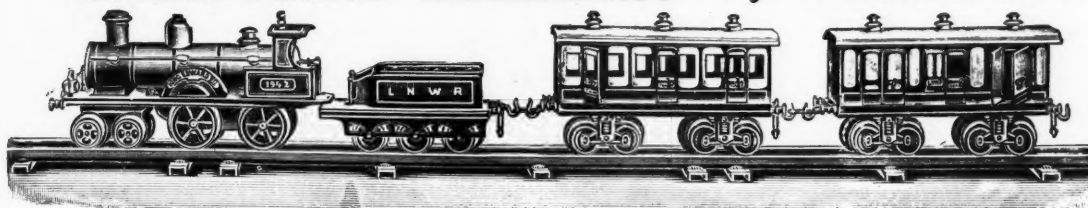
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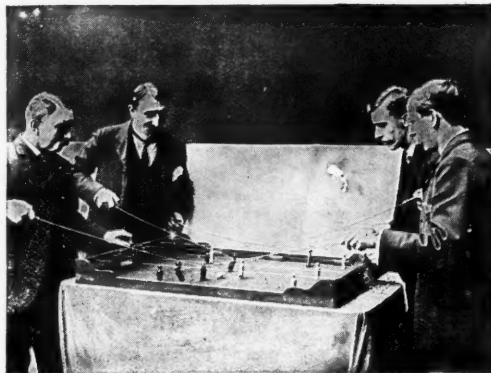
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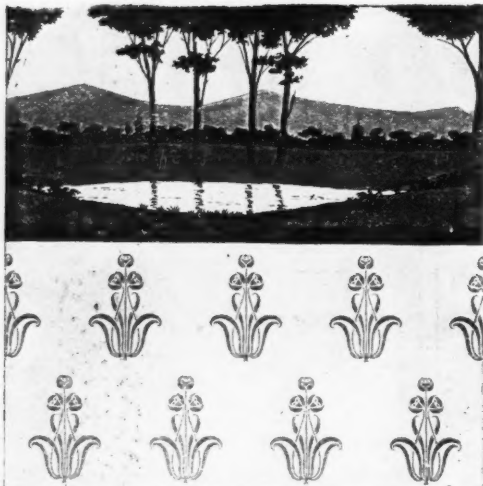
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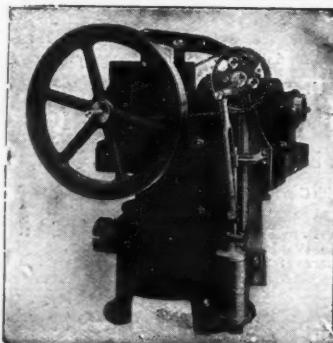
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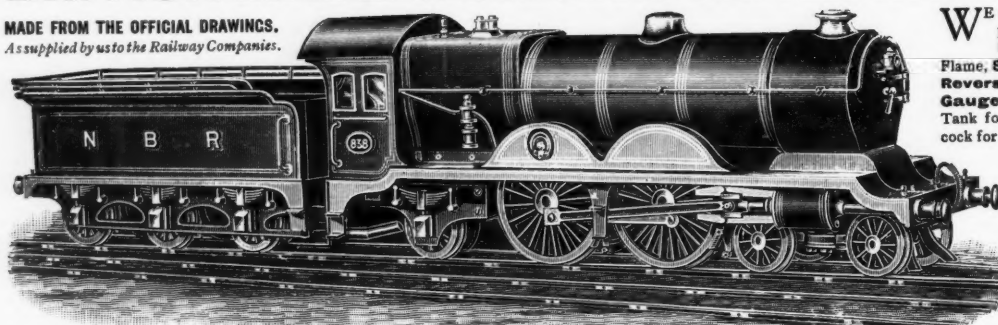
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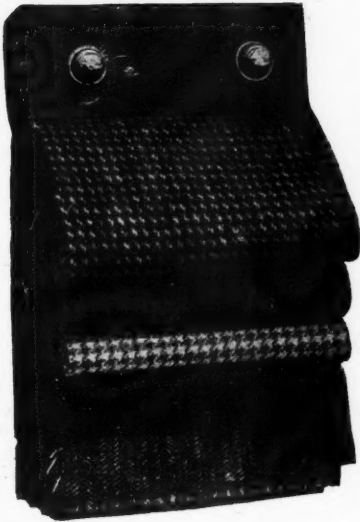
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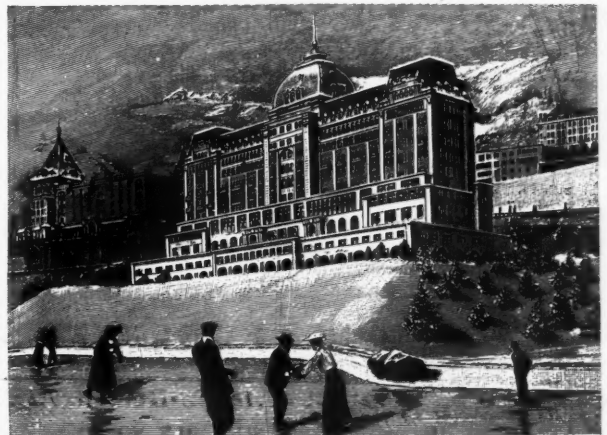
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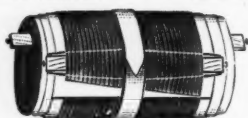
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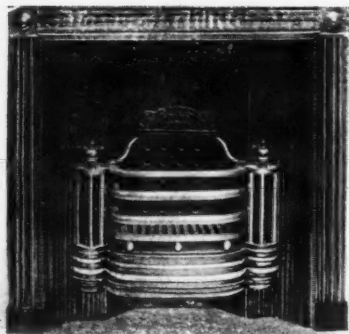
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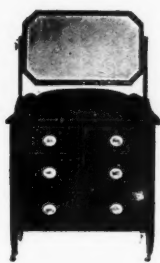
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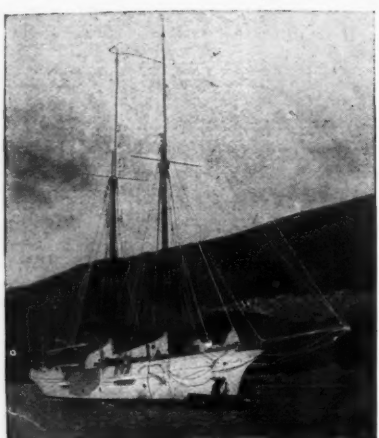
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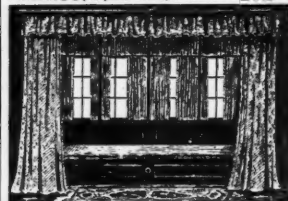
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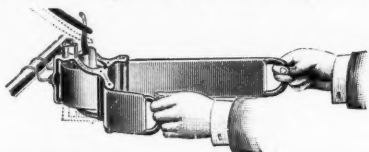
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"THE thing is," Mr. H. G. Wells writes in an amusing passage, "that I find life an extremely troublesome affair." He does not want to make any railing accusations against life, which he finds neither very sad nor very horrible. At times he finds it distinctly amusing, and, indeed, knows nothing in the same line that can quite compare with it. But at times he finds life a Bother.

"The kind of thing that I object to," he remarks with engaging frankness, "is all the troublesome things one has to do every morning in getting up. There is shaving. I have to get shaved because Euphemia hates me with a



blue jowl, and I will admit I hate myself. Yet if I were alone I do not think my personal taste would affect my decision; I will say that for myself. Either I hack about with a blunt razor—my razors are always blunt—until I am a kind of Whitechapel Horror, and with hair in tufts upon my chin like the top of Bosjeman's head, or else I have to spend all the morning being dabbled about the face by a barber with damp hands." Could any two alternatives be more terrifying to a business man with no time to waste?

Some Barber's Secrets.

Other writers have drawn in more or less gloomy or vivid language the miseries attendant on shaving unscientifically without proper knowledge and without proper appliances. But has the subject ever been thoroughly thrashed out, and the real reason found for the discomfort which is the fate of most men who dislike that sole alternative of not shaving—growing a beard? There is, to begin with, the difficulty in lathering, which necessitates a choice of soaps. Not even the most experienced shaver could get satisfactory results out of ordinary washing soaps; and the experienced shaver is, of course, just the man who would insist on always having a first-rate shaving soap. "Well lathered is half shaved." But is the use of a first-rate soap the foremost requisite for an easy shave? In a recent discussion as to whether or not barbers possessed any shaving secrets of their own, somebody propounded the theory that the first thing to do was to sponge the face with hot water before applying any soap at all. Doubtless that adds to the comfort of the operation. Another letter writer urged that the chief point to keep in view was that the skin must always be drawn tight before using the razor, and that the secret of doing this consisted in always keeping the fingers of the left hand perfectly dry. That, again, is a barber's "tip." Other litterateurs who have written on the gentle art have put forward other more or less valuable counsel; as, for instance, that the razor should always be dipped in scalding water immediately before and at intervals while shaving; then, again, that it must be laid flat to the face and must be drawn across the beard with a slanting stroke, the kind of stroke which makes it possible for the expert swordsman to cut a sheep in halves, when a stronger man, ignorant of swordsmanship, strikes a harder blow but fails.

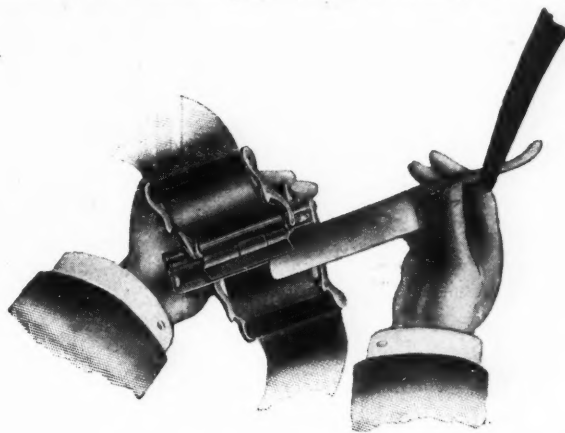
What is the Main Requisite?

Still, although there is a great deal that a skilled barber could teach the ignorant or careless shaver, he could teach him very little if he were not provided beforehand with first-class implements for the purpose. Is the razor, then, the main thing? In a certain sense, of course, it must always be the main thing. You could shave, in a kind of way, with yellow soap and a paint brush, if your razor would cut; but without a razor the best soap, the best brush and the hottest water are not much use, unless, like the Emperor Tiberius, you mean to shave yourself with red-hot nutshells. But the razor is not always the main thing. Suppose that your razor becomes blunt. The best razor in the world must become blunt unless proper care is taken of it. Even a Wilkinson Sword Steel razor will not give the best results unless it is properly stropped. And there you have one of the greatest of all shaving difficulties. Many men can shave quickly and easily who have never succeeded in stropping a razor properly and who, therefore, are never able to get the best results out of their razors. "It's no good my buying a strop"—how often you hear the remark—"I can't use one. Stropping only makes my razor blunter." Some men, indeed, never strap a razor at all. They buy a razor and use it until it is blunt, and then throw it aside and buy another. That is not only throwing away money, but throwing away an opportunity. It is throwing away the opportunity of enjoying one of the most satisfactory sensa-

tions of a well-made toilet—the satisfaction of a really comfortable and easy shave. With a first-rate razor, such as the Wilkinson Sword Steel razor, properly stropped, shaving can be an operation to look forward to rather than to dread.

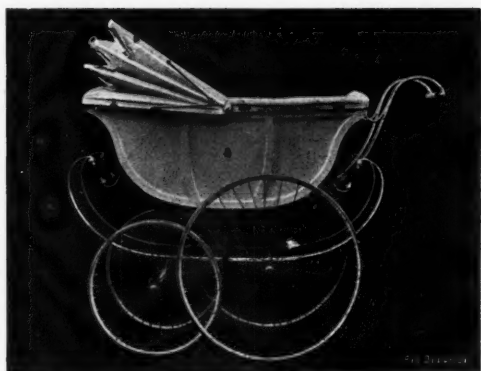
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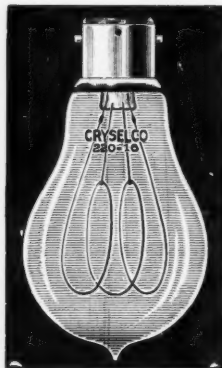
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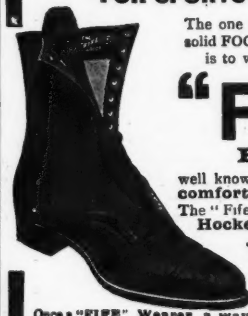
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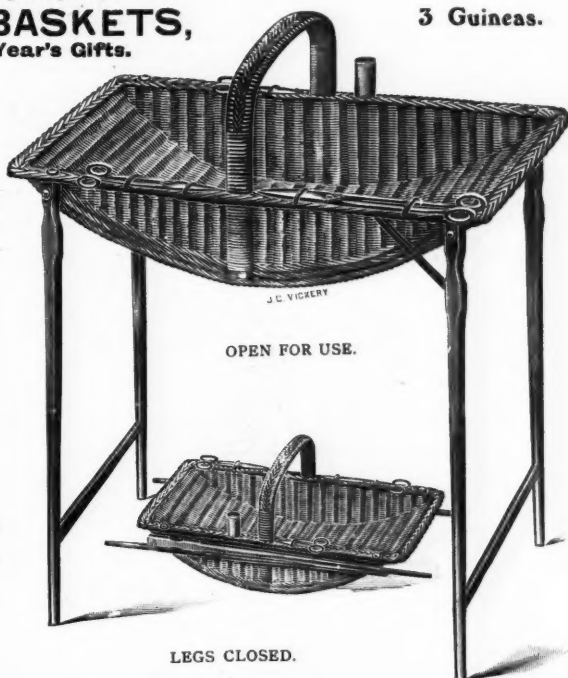


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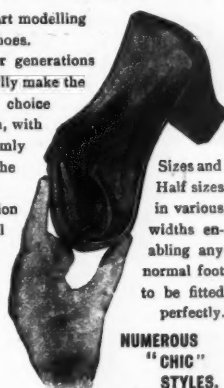
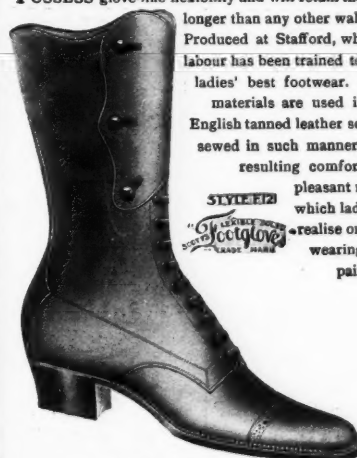
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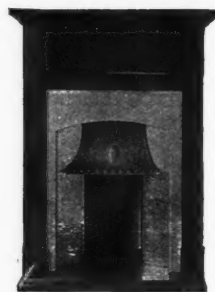
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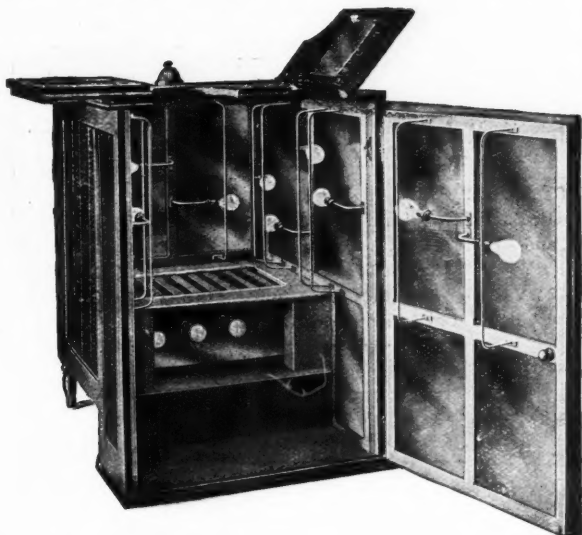
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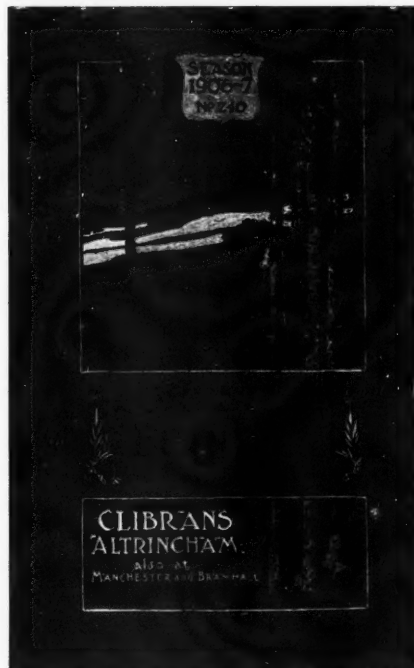
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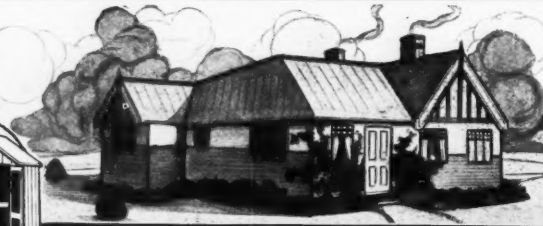
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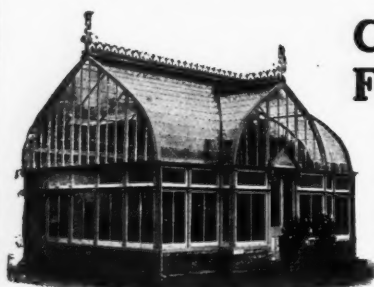
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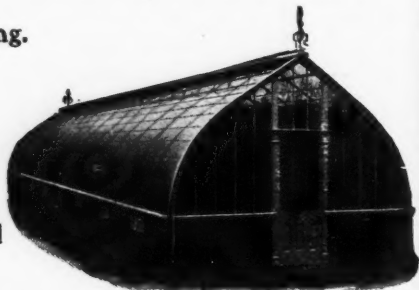
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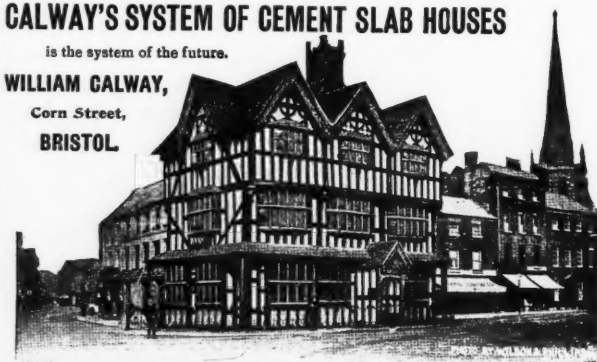
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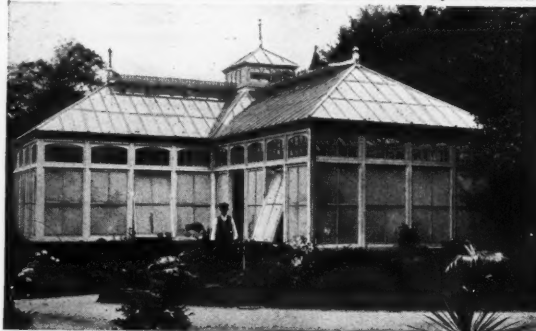
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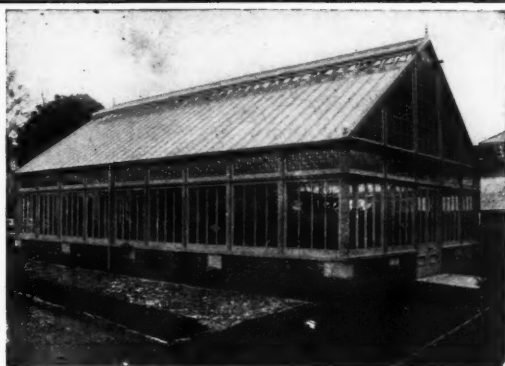
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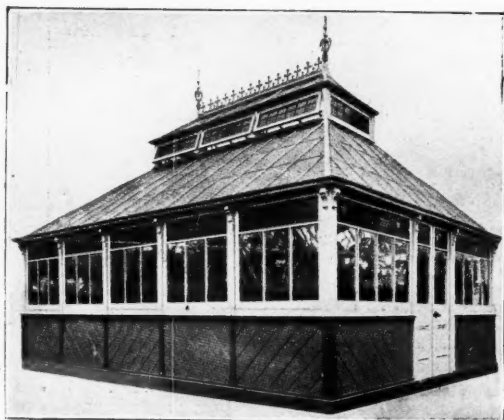
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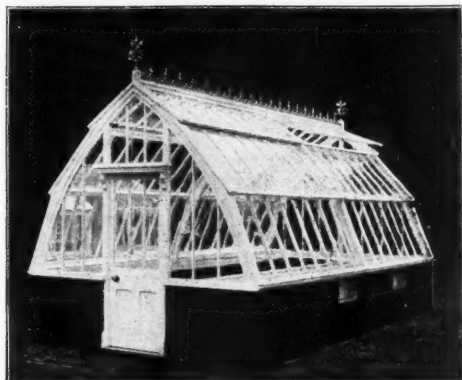
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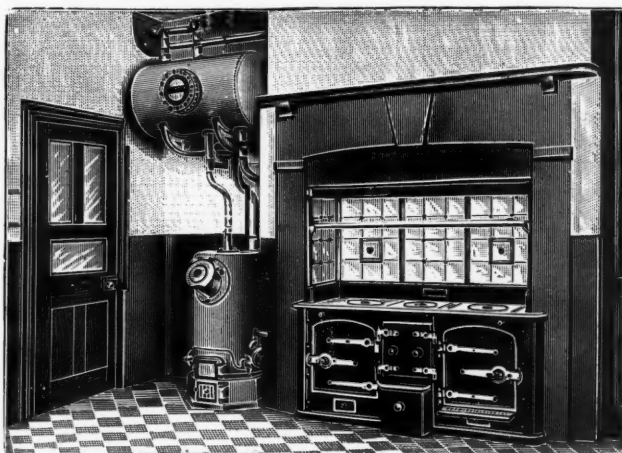


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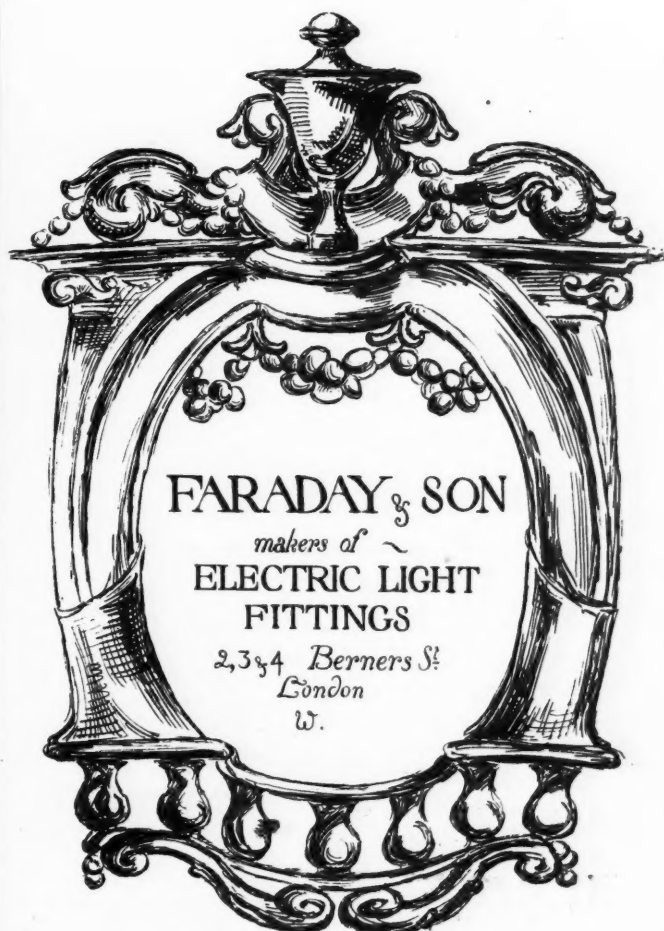
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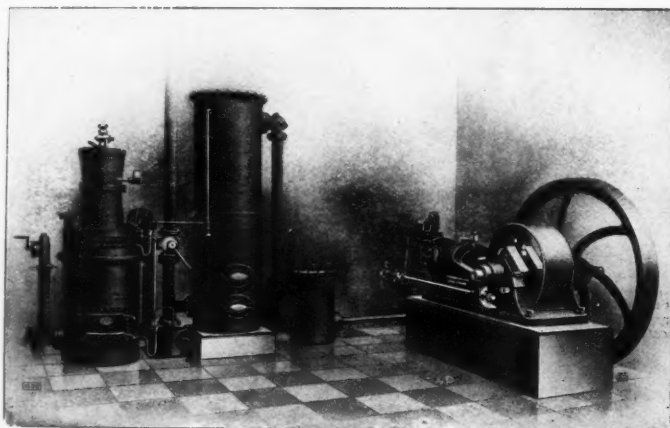
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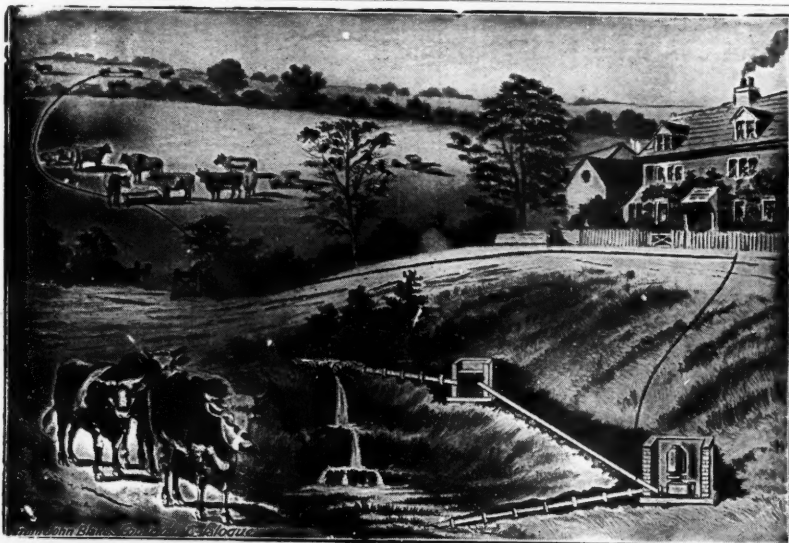
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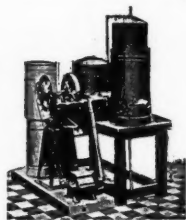
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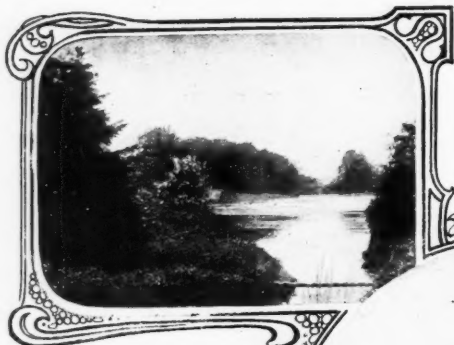
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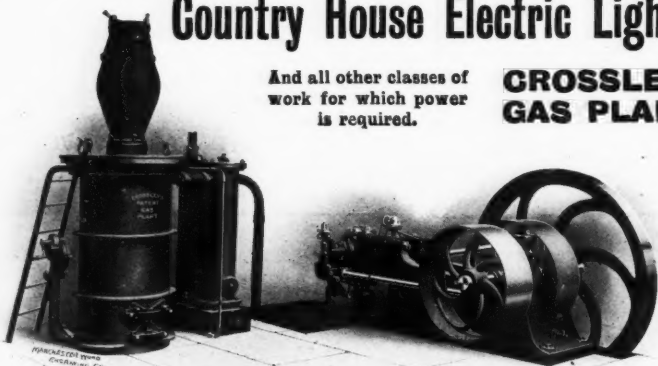
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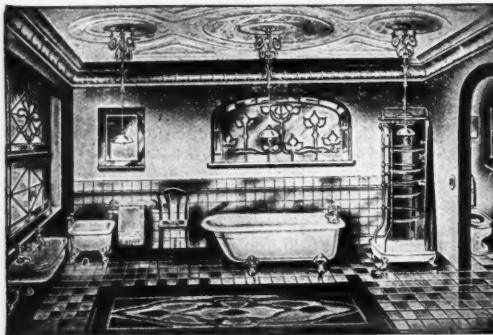
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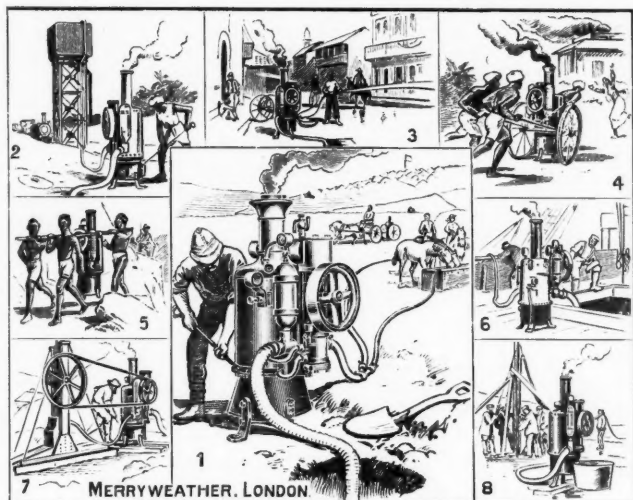
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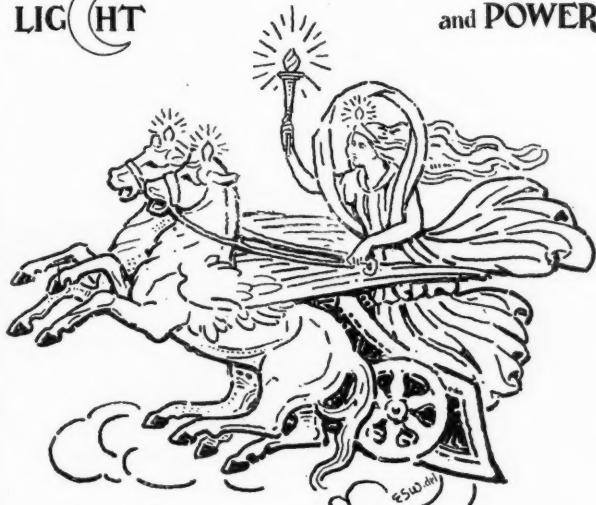
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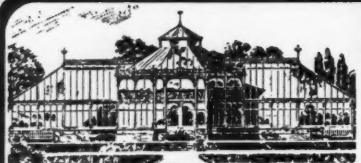
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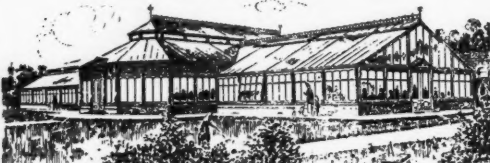


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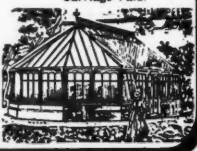
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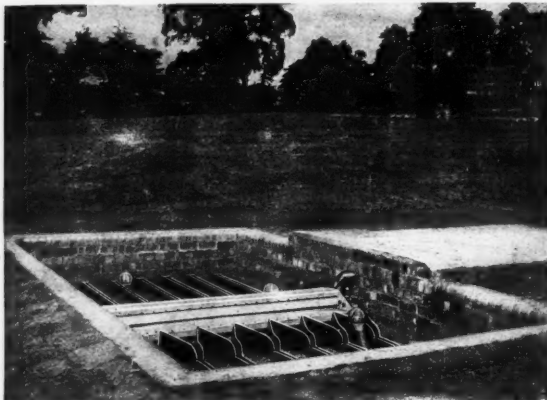
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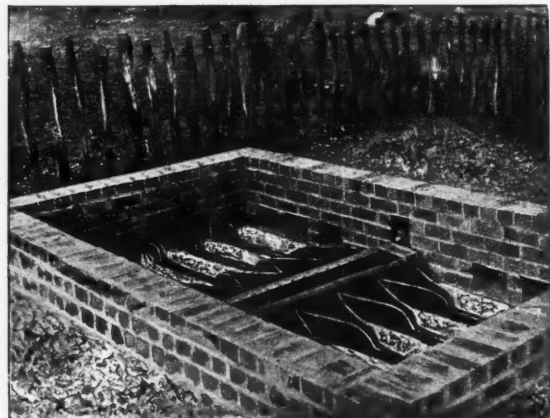
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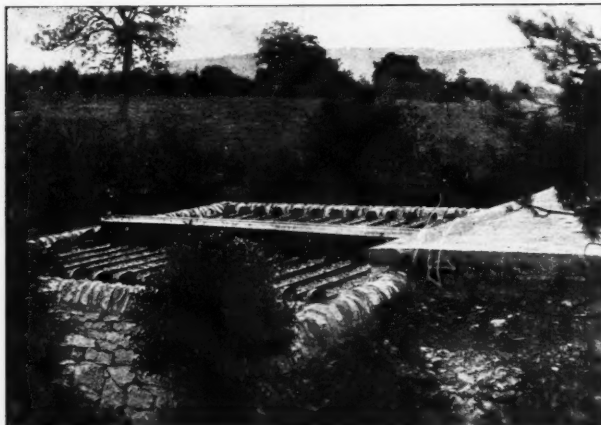
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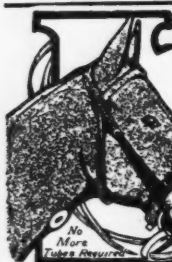
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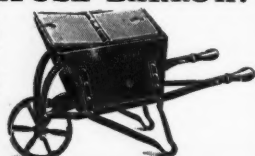
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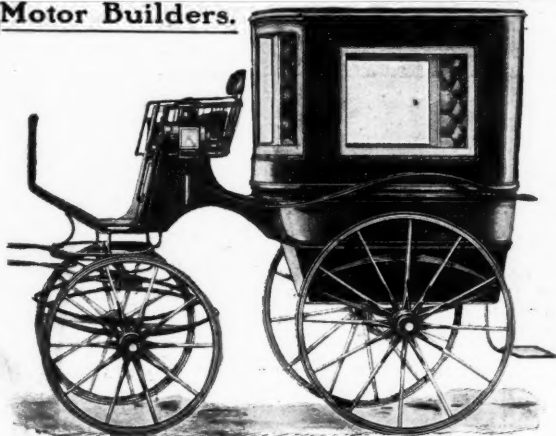
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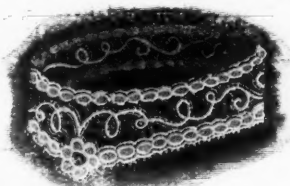


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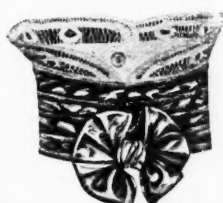
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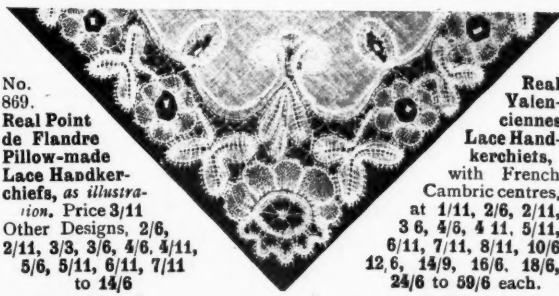
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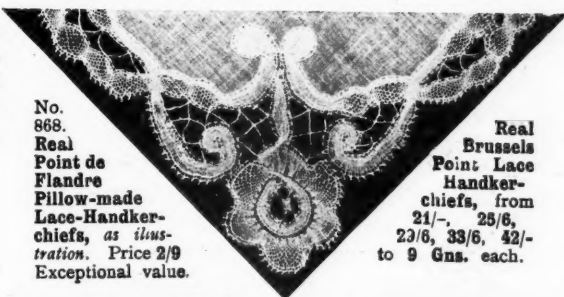
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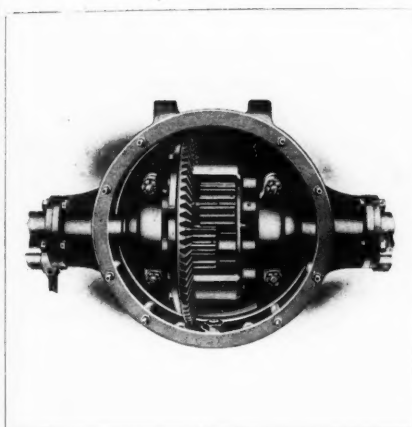
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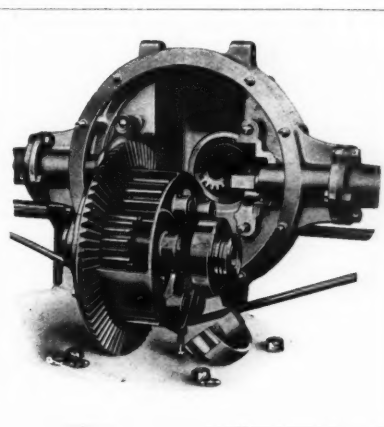
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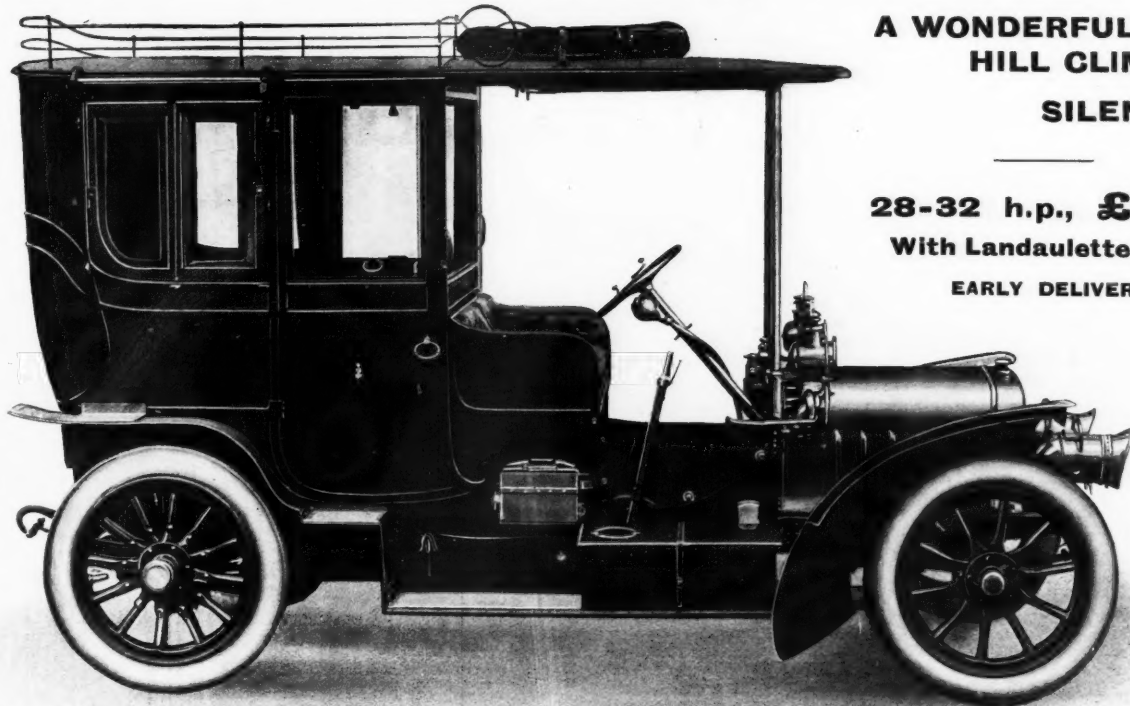
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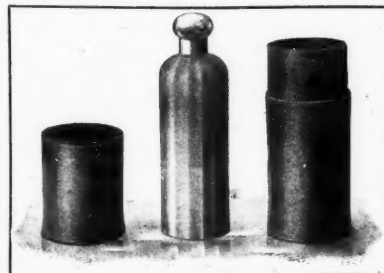


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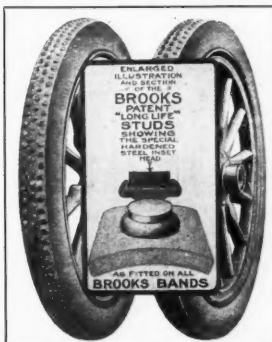
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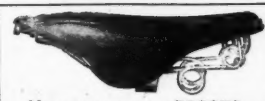
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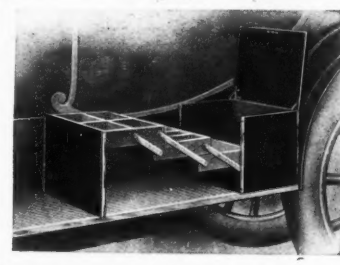
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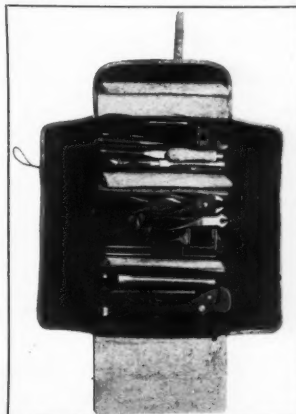


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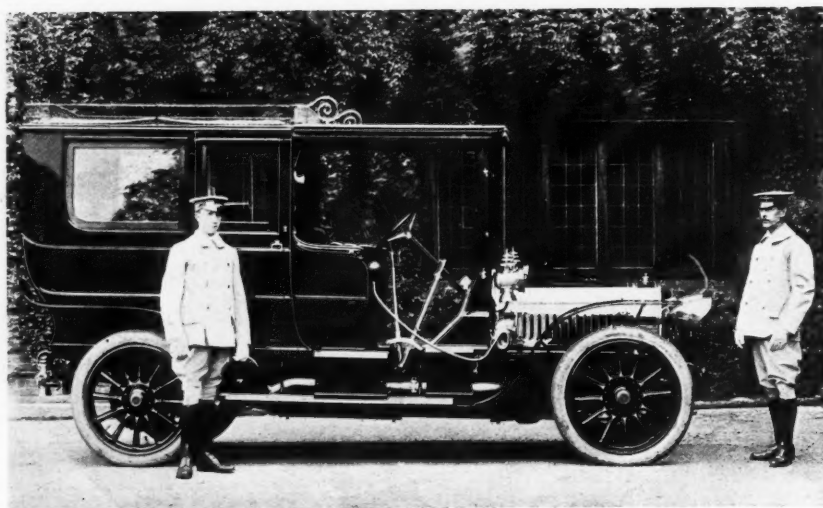


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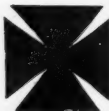
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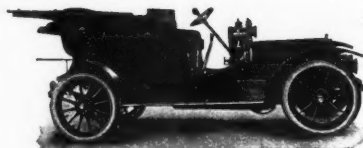
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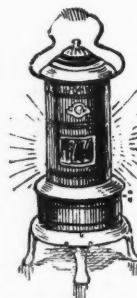
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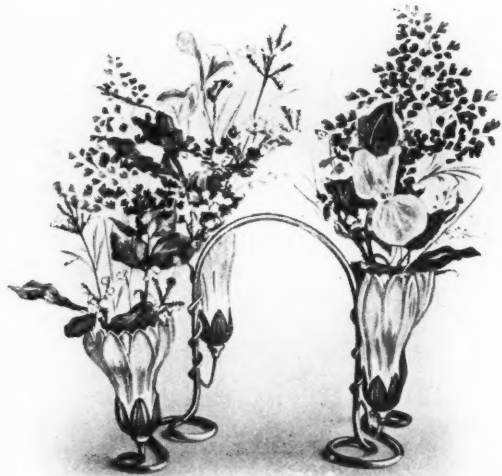
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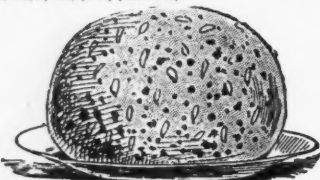
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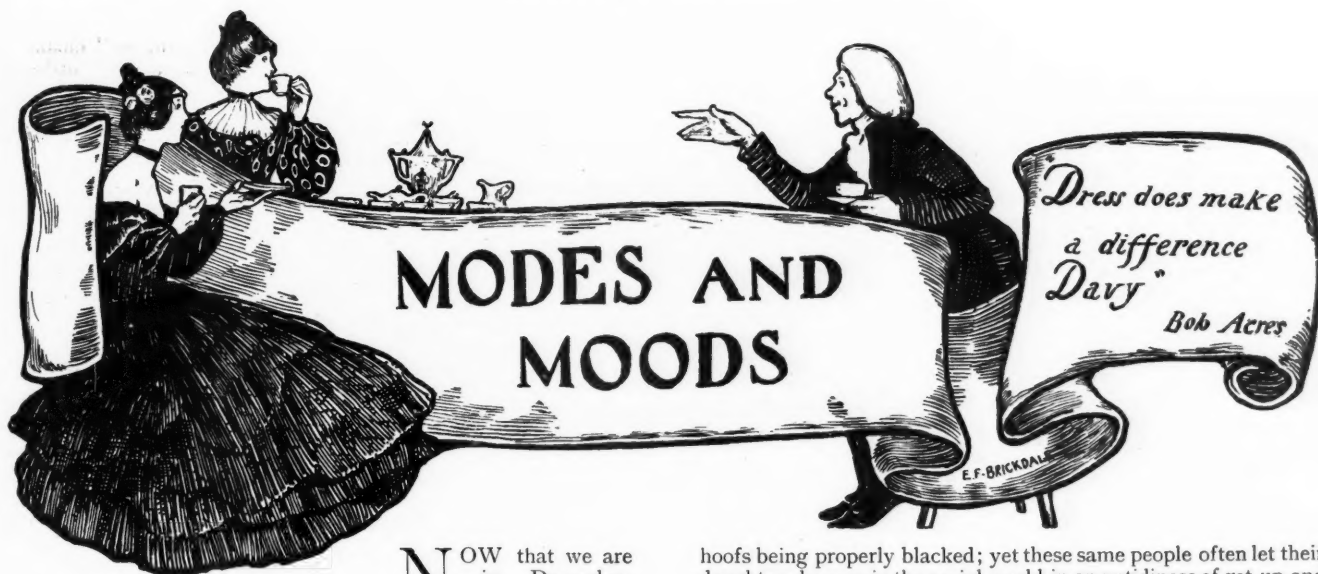
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NOW that we are in December, with all the

Christmas festivities looming so short a way ahead, there is one member of the community the claims of whose wardrobe must be given precedence over those of the rest of the family; and that favoured person is the *débutante*. She has just said farewell to school or schoolroom, and has to be prepared for those dances and hunt balls which serve as such an excellent preliminary canter before the more serious business of the London season and its ordeal of presentation at Court. Like the young bears, she has to be "licked into shape" by a fond parent, whose heart often sinks within her, despite her natural maternal pride in her offspring, as she surveys the gawky form and red elbows out of which should blossom one of next season's beauties. But the miracle of the ugly duckling is as nothing to the transformation which can be effected in the appearance of a "back-fisch" when she is taken in hand by an intelligent mother with modern ideas backed by a clever French maid. Her hair will be turned up and dressed artistically à la Romney on the top of her head, disengaging the lines of the slender neck and encouraging its graceful poise; corsets from *la bonne faiseuse* will throw back the shoulders and round the waist, which corsetless golf and other athletic exercises tend to render flatter than fashion approves of; applications of creams and lotions will whiten the red elbows and dispel the tan on face and neck; and a few weeks' judicious grooming of this kind, including the most necessary manicure, will transform the gawky hoyden into the most charming "bud" that ever grew in Tennyson's "rosebud garden of girls." It is absurd for people with old-fashioned ideas to hold up their hands in horror at such practices of preparation. They would not allow their horses to be sent out of the stable without being groomed till their coats shine and without their

hoofs being properly blacked; yet these same people often let their daughters be seen in the social world in an untidiness of get-up and general appearance which strikes dismay and pity in the intelligent beholder, who sighs to see such waste of often most promising material. But to return to our *débutante* in particular whose wise mother means to neglect no detail which will help to show off her daughter to advantage. The most important item is the evening frock. Morning frocks and afternoon ones can remain simple and plain as before, only more *soignées* in art and detail;

but it is the evening frock which marks the bursting of the chrysalis and the arrival of the butterfly on the scene of social action. We have left long behind us the simple dress of white "book-muslin" (a name which alone suggests stiffness and crackle!) and the blue sash which formed the articles wherein our grandmothers went forth to their first conquests; and certainly anyone who looks at the illustration on this page will agree that we have undoubtedly changed for the better in this as in many things. It is a dress I came across at Messrs. Nicoll's in Regent Street, where they have instituted a most successful new department for evening dresses as well as afternoon ones. This dress was specially designed for a *débutante*, and is really an ideal gown of its kind, for it combines elegance and charm with a solidity which should recommend it to mothers whose purses are not unlimited even for a *débutante* daughter. The material is soft white silk; the skirt, slightly gathered at the hips, but plain in front, flows out very fully round the feet, where it is adorned with a deep flounce, also of silk, applied in a waved line, and trimmed with frills of kilted chiffon edged with pink bébé ribbon, interspersed with chiffon rosettes, which are very dainty and effective, and far more lasting than artificial flowers. The rather full silk bodice crosses at the waist in front under the deep pointed waist-band of silk. Round the shoulders there is a shaped berthe edged with a little frill of the kilted chiffon, edged with the pink bébé ribbon. Where this



DEBUTANTE'S DRESS OF SOFT SILK AT MESSRS. NICOLL'S.



A BURBERRY TOP-COAT.

frill joins the berthe there is a waved line of silk lace and tiny rosettes of chiffon; while small ruches of the chiffon decorate the upper part of the berthe, and also appear on the little puffed sleeves. The whole effect is delightfully fresh and dainty, and nothing more appropriate for a *débutante* could be imagined. It can, of course, be copied in any colour; but the crystalline white of silk and chiffon relieved by the tiny touches of rose make a combination which would not easily be excelled in daintiness. A dress of silk such as this, or of soft moire, or satin, will be found infinitely more economical for a *débutante's* wear than those in chiffon, gauze, or *ninon de soie*, which are very attractive, it is true, but which crumple and get shabby in a very few wearings; while those in the more solid silks or satins or moire look just as well, and can be "refreshed" and done up all through a season.

There are moments in one's hunt for Christmas presents when a note of egotism makes itself heard, and one asks one's self in a whisper whether generosity, as well as charity, might not commence at home by the presentation to one's noble self of some specially-covetable object. Such a question arose in my mind when I was at Burberry's, the famous sporting tailors in the Haymarket, for I know few things which give more lasting comfort to their

possessors than a Burberry gown or "Slip-on" cloak. Their "game feather" tweeds offer such a beautiful mixture of colours, the cut and fit of their gowns are so admirable, and the knowledge that all Burberry materials are "proofed" against wet, though not against air, combine to make a "Burberry gown" an indispensable feature in every self-respecting wardrobe. It should, indeed, be completed by a blouse of Burberry English silk, one of the loveliest materials in existence, which to its wonderful variety of beautiful colours adds the immense advantage of being uncrushable, a Burberry hat trimmed with game feathers, and a Burberry "Slip-on" coat in airy light Gabardine or Slimber cloth. A most admirable example of the "Slip-on" is to be seen in the illustration, which shows one in brown Slimber cloth lined with squirrel, which is extraordinarily light for a fur-lined coat. This outfit would make glad the heart of any sportswoman, for she would feel certain that under all circumstances, on moor or in motor, on the deck of a yacht or on the golf links, she will look well and feel comfortable, in spite of wind or weather. For simple travelling nothing could be better than a "Burberry top-coat," which has a double-scalloped deep collar and double belt at back, while the shoulders and sleeves are lined with rain-proof Urber silk. This top-coat covers the dress entirely, and, with its deep pockets and ample sleeves, is really an ideally comfortable garment, which, like the fur-lined "Slip-on," would indeed be welcomed as a Christmas gift by any woman fortunate enough to receive either.

Dainty bits of jewellery will always remain one of the most favourite forms of Christmas gifts; and nowhere can one find a better choice than at the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths Company, 112 and 110, Regent Street. They make a speciality of beauty of design, culled from the French, combined with English workmanship, which is stronger and more durable; and the result is beyond praise. Among their novelties this year are the "double-dangle" earrings, which hang at both sides of the lobe of the ear with a very pretty effect; in fact, earrings of all kinds and designs bulk large in their show this year, especially fashioned in the popular amethysts, exquisitely light in design and reasonable in price. A most admirable novelty, which would be gratefully appreciated by any woman, is the set of collar supports, set with trefoils of turquoises and pearls, which are absurdly cheap at prices varying from £1 5s. to £1 18s., and which replace with comfort and beauty the torturing draper's invention from which we all suffer in our desire to present a neat appearance at the neck. For blouses there are sets of delightful little brooches set with red, white and blue stones; and special novelties are the gold hooks and eyes, set with stones, for fastening the recalcitrant shirt or blouse. Millionaires' requirements can be satisfied with exquisitely designed tiaras and ropes of pearls; while a humbler kind of man can be made happy with charming sets of links, with tiny sporting designs carved and coloured in crystal. It is, perhaps, not generally known that the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths Company have an enormous selection of clocks, both antique and modern, from some wonderful Louis XIV. and Louis XV. specimens, tall antique grandfather clocks, to a

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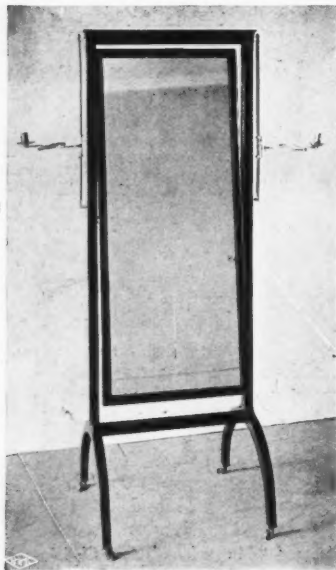
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At this time of year hints for Christmas gifts are welcome; and to many people nothing would give greater pleasure or earn more lasting gratitude than one of Messrs. Heal's chairs. There is a quaint charm about Messrs. Heal's furniture, which has quite a character of its own, as can be seen by two of the pieces I have chosen for illustration, a



A STANDING MIRROR.

which can be turned to any angle. A small glazed bookcase in undressed oak is another covetable object at Messrs. Heal's,

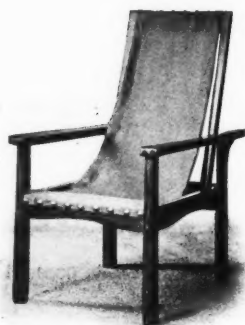
rack-back chair and a standing mirror. The chair looks simple to the point of severity, but is extraordinarily comfortable, for the rack-back can be set at any angle desired. The coarse red hand-woven canvas has a most picturesque effect. There are various other designs of rack-back chairs at Messrs. Heal's, but none more comfortable or more picturesque than this one. The standing mirror, or "Psyché," as the French call these graceful pieces of furniture, has beautiful antique candle brackets



OAK TABLE AT MESSRS. HEAL'S.

who make rather a speciality of this wood in simple designs, as being most suitable for small country houses and studios. Their dressers are most fascinating, the

plain light wood showing up coloured pottery to perfection; and with these should be mentioned their splendid large long tables for 55s., which can either be used as a dining-table or for a really useful table to work or write at, and which will not shake, a thing by no means to be found in every house.



RACK-BACK CHAIR.

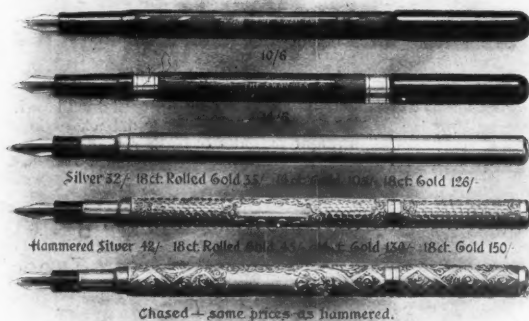
As most people may be spending their Christmas in the country, it is not inappropriate that I should call attention to Messrs. Scott Adie's admirable selection of cloaks for country or travelling wear; for a good warm light cloak is an

article none of us can afford to be without if we intend to walk with the guns in the coverts. The illustration I give on this page shows one of the latest of Messrs. Scott Adie's sporting cloaks. The material is in black and white check homespun; it is cut with an Inverness cape that has the unusual merit of buttoning across the chest over the under-coat, if desired, which adds materially to the warmth of the wearer, as well as being far more convenient in a high wind, which, as a rule, makes an ordinary Inverness cloak a bore, as one is obliged to hold on to the flapping cape. The back of the coat is semi-fitting, with a deep pleat giving plenty of fulness to the skirt, which is of three-quarter length; and the revers and collar all turn up and button at will. To go with this most smart and useful cloak is an excellent cap of the same material, with the ever-popular "muffin" crown and a good brim slightly drooping over the face, but narrow at the back, so as not to interfere with the wearer's resting her head in a railway carriage. Other good sporting wraps are the semi-fitting coats, made double-breasted with a beautifully cut back, and the ever-useful sacque coats that will slip on over anything. These are made in tweeds of all descriptions, some with pretty bright plaid linings, which have a charming effect. One of the special features at the Scotch warehouse is the beautiful material Messrs. Scott Adie have christened "Simla cloth," which is most exquisitely silky, warm and light, and can be had in all colourings. Besides using the Simla cloth for cloaks, they also have rugs of it with detachable fur linings, which would make the most acceptable of Christmas presents. One in particular took my fancy; it was in Simla cloth, plain green on one side and green and brown plaid on the other, the plain green side having a square of grey squirrel fur, round which the green showed as a border with a delightful effect. Real Shetland shawls and Highland jewellery are among other seasonable attractions at Messrs. Scott Adie's, and a special word may be given in praise of their beautiful silver and enamel hairpins, and the gold and pebble sleeve links, which would be an admirable Christmas gift for a schoolboy.



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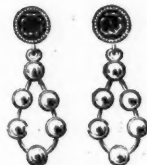
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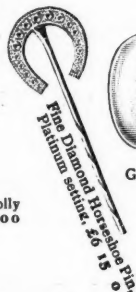
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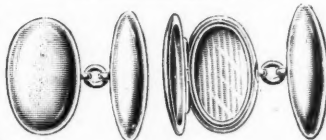
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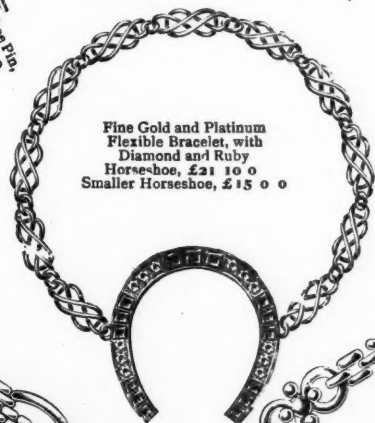
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AT MESSRS. WALPOLE'S.

PLAYS FOR CHILDREN.

IN a week or two now we shall be able to see "Peter Pan" again, with Mr. Gerald du Maurier as the Father and the Pirate, and Miss Pauline Chase appearing for the first time as Peter Pan himself. And "Sindbad" will open at Drury Lane—with a motor-car, if the posters promise truly. Then Mr. Seymour Hicks has a Christmas entertainment in preparation; there are pantomimes at the Coronet, the Camden, indeed at all the suburban theatres, and the difficulty will be, not to find somewhere to go, but to settle which of all these numerous attractions we shall choose.

Turning over the leaves of a contemporary, we come upon the text of a little musical open-air play for children (which might just as easily be acted on a stage), by Major Philip Trevor, called "Under the Greenwood Tree." If report speaks truly, this little piece has been acted, and has won favourable opinions in the very highest circles. A pretty little play, full of fancy and with a sound moral, it suggests an idea that some enterprising manager might well take up. Everyone who has taken children to the play will have realised that in most of the Christmas entertainments submitted nowadays the grown-ups have too much to say to them—and in them. We have no intention of reviving old charges of vulgarity, and so forth, brought against the pantomimes; but the fact is—and all will admit it to be true—that grown-up humour is not the same as child humour; that what amuses us does not amuse children, and that what we receive with shouts of laughter, they stare at with undisturbed solemnity. Now and then we get an actor like Mr. Gerald du Maurier, who understands exactly what will strike children as funny, and knows precisely how to interpret his author for their benefit. But such actors are rare. Insensibly most translate the conceptions of a J. M. Barrie or a Lewis Carroll into grown-up humour, and so spoil the fun. We are not referring to the several mature, if not elderly, Alices-in-Wonderland we have been fated to see. If report speaks truly, a new Alice, Miss Marie Studholme, is to appear this Christmas, Now Miss Studholme is an extremely beautiful, quite young, and

entirely charming lady; but she is grown up, and she is not in the least like Alice, as anyone may see who looks at the pictures. What is wanted is real children acting children's plays for children. There are plenty of clever children on the stage already—Master Valchera, Miss Iris Hawkins and many others; and it is an easy matter to train plenty more, as the yearly troupes at Drury Lane and elsewhere show. Why should not these children have it all to themselves, without the participation of the full-blown men and women who always manage, somehow, to upset the artistic balance of the production? We should not only be free then from all risk of jokes about drunkenness or prison or other topics unsuitable for infant ears; we should run no chance of feeling that the children beside us are—terrible event!—bored with all the noise and fun going on before their solemn eyes. We elders can understand references to the County Council, the income-tax, the Education Bill and the latest theatrical gossip—topics which are as certain to be mentioned this year as they were last year and the year before and the year before that; the children cannot. They want to get on with the story. It is too late, probably, to pray for a worthy revival of the old harlequinade—one element from which the whole of pantomime, as we know it, took its start; but there is much to be said for the charm and novelty of a performance of a play written for children only and acted by children for children. For one thing, the grown-up people—at any rate, those with families—would be sure to come.

In such a play, we would have as little speech as possible. Children, it must be admitted, though they are taught to speak clearly on the stage, cannot often do it without speaking unnaturally; and it is difficult to train them to "make their points" with effect. But it is quite easy to teach their supple young limbs to use their original form of expression—gesture. And, after all, more can be done on the stage with gesture than people realise. In old days, when an actor wished to explain that he was in love or in a rage, he came down to the footlights and made a long speech: in a modern play he says "Oh!" or a word we do not care to print in an article on children's plays, and leaves all the rest to the expression of his face and the movements of his body. So the gist of a children's play could be conveyed by gesture and by action, too. Singing would play a large part, and our play would be a little opera in that sense. Then there would be, of course, as much dancing as room could possibly be found for; and processions and varied grouping and everything that delights the eye. And as for the humour; let anyone who has taken children to the pantomime ask himself what it is they usually laugh at—the jokes, or the honest knock-about, rough-and-tumble business of the donkey, or Whittington's cat, or the other funny animals and clowns? A clever playwright and a clever manager between them could keep the whole audience in a roar for twenty minutes on end without a word spoken.

ON THE GREEN.

GOLF AT THE UNIVERSITIES.

I.—OXFORD.

THE history of the progress of golf at the 'Varsities is in miniature the story of the game in England. It was started by a few enthusiasts in the seventies, and among the early golfers were two who have since been very prominent in the world of golf—Messrs. Horace Hutchinson and "Andy" Stuart. These two played first and second in the first 'Varsity match in 1879, contested at Wimbledon by teams of four a side. After they went down there came a period of somnolence, when the game was only kept going by a few seniors—Dr. Boyd, Principal of Hertford, and the Rev. P. Henderson, of Wadham, being prominent in maintaining the vital spark alive. When the aboriginal golfers of the seventies first took clubs and balls to Cowley Marsh, they just smacked about without any definite object, for no holes were cut. It was not till 1879, the actual date of the birth of the Oxford University Golf Club, that any holes were made. In that year a course was marked out and "greens" (save the mark!) cut out of the rough, the cricket pitches being too sacred. The Balliol cricket professional Rogers acted as greenkeeper, and being totally ignorant of the first principles of the game, had strong ideas as to how it should be played. The course in those days began at Balliol Pavilion and zigzagged round the cricket pitches. In the words of the Rev. P. Henderson, one of the devoted band of early Oxford golfers, it was the most difficult course in the United Kingdom and the worst! A gradual awakening came in 1882, when a small band of Scotsmen (the writer being among them) set to work to convert their friends to their favourite game. Hard work it was, and many a scoffing word we had to bear from the arrogant cricketer whom we took down to "have a knock," words that have since been eaten with the humblest of pie. But by degrees enthusiasm had its reward. From about ten at the beginning of the

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Michaelmas term, 1882, the numbers increased to twenty-five at the end of the following Easter term, and in 1883 a determined whip was made, which brought the numbers up to forty. Then a bold experiment was tried. A professional, Peter Fernie, was brought from St. Andrews. To pay him and provide for extra expenses the subscription was doubled and made £1; and the president of the club (the Rev. Dr. Boyd, to whom the Oxford University Golf Club owe an everlasting debt of gratitude) gave a generous donation of £5. With the coming of Fernie all was changed. Leave was obtained to use Wadham Pavilion as a club-house and club-maker's shop, a roller was purchased and Oxford golf became an established fact. About this time an effort was made to secure a half blue, it being thought that Mr. A. R. Paterson, who was president of the O.U.B.C. (he is now captain of the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers), being himself a golfer, and no mean one, might have tender feelings towards his more obscure brethren; but the application was firmly rejected, and rightly so, for the day of golf was not yet.

In 1885 the first outside match (except the 'Varsity match) was played. It was against the Malvern Golf Club, headed by the Rev. H. Foster and Mr. T. Gilroy. The 'Varsity were badly defeated, but most hospitably entertained. Nowadays there is a large fixture list, and all the (golfing) world reads about the doings of the 'Varsity team. In 1885 and 1886 there were slight indications of the coming of the wave of golf. More men joined of their own free will, and more interest was shown in the game by those in high places at Vincent's. And so things progressed slowly but surely till the membership reached nearly a hundred, and it was deemed time to make a move from the old nine-hole course at Cowley. The club consequently migrated to Headington Hill, where they stayed two years; but as the numbers increased yearly in geometrical progression, Headington in turn became too small, and the club was forced to move to new quarters, which they found at Hincksey, on a hill from which beautiful views of Oxford could be obtained, but otherwise (with the exception of one hole) singularly ill-adapted for the game. Nevertheless, golf flourished there exceedingly, and many a player, good, bad and indifferent, has pleasant recollections of his golf at Hincksey. Not long ago the club moved to near Radley, where the links, though not ideal, are said to give good promise. All this time the course at Cowley has been kept up for the benefit of those who cannot spare the time to go far afield for their golf. To-day the club numbers 450, with a long waiting list; and there is as well a City Golf Club. What a change from twenty-five years ago!

The system of playing outside matches, begun in 1885, has increased in proportion, and anyone nowadays who wishes to play for the University has to practise pretty constantly. In old days men used to play against Cambridge immediately after rowing in the Torpids, and if they were good golfers no objection was made. Since golf took proper root there, Oxford has been represented by some very fine players; to mention a few—the late J. A. T. Bramston, one of the best players who has ever represented a 'Varsity, H. G. B. and H. C. Ellis, T. M. Hunter, R. H. de Montmorency, F. H. Mitchell, H. W. Beveridge, A. C. Croome, E. C. Lee, C. T. Lawrence and many others. In 1900 Mr. T. M. Hunter captained the strongest University team that has ever been known. They did not lose a single match, and beat Cambridge by 69 holes. The names of the team and the order in which they played are interesting: H. C. Ellis, E. C. Lee, T. M. Hunter, A. H. P. Horne, F. H. Mitchell, J. A. T. Bramston, C. T. Lawrence and H. W. Beveridge—a wonderful collection of golfing talent to be up at a 'Varsity at the same time. The club has been and is fortunate in its professionals, one of them having been Hugh Kirkaldy, and the present professional being J. Sherlock, a local man, who learnt his golf at Oxford (he used to carry for me in 1885). No one could be better suited to the place.

Before concluding this article it should be noted that the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society owes its existence to one of the matches played in 1897 by the Oxford University Golf Club against a team captained by Mr. J. L. Low, as the following extract from the Oxford Magazine will show: "In the evening both teams met at dinner, and afterwards discussed at great length a scheme originated by Mr. J. L. Low to form an Oxford and Cambridge Golf Club. The idea seemed to please everybody. Let us hope the scheme will be taken up and developed." The hope has been fulfilled. F. KINLOCH.

A NEW WAY OF ATTACHING HEAD TO SHAFT OF CLUB.

MR. A. J. ROBERTSON, in a recent article, was discussing some remarks by Braid in *Fry's Magazine*, in the course of which he touched on the merits of the old "scared" clubs, i.e., those which have the head whipped on the shaft, and the newer socketed clubs, i.e., those in which the shaft goes on down and is fitted into a socket in the head and neck. Mr. Robertson points out that Vardon is among the rather small number who prefer the older fashion, believing that it gives the best kind of spring, because, in their view, the extra spring which the socket system may give as compared with the "scare" system is of no value, and had rather better be absent from that particular part of the shaft. Without entering into the actual

arena of this debate, it may be indicated that Mr. W. L. Purves has lately invented what is almost certainly the right method if a "scare" is to be used at all. His way is to have the shaft running down the back of the neck of the club—that is to say, the right-hand side of the neck from the player as he lays the club on the ground behind the ball. That seems a way of indicating how shaft and head are to be attached which it is not possible to mistake. The head part of the "scare"—the beech part, probably—runs up the left-hand side of the neck. In the ordinary "scared" clubs the effect of the blow, where the club strikes the ball, is borne (so far as the attachment of head to shaft is concerned) entirely by the glue and by the whipping. Mr. Purves's idea is that the force of the blow, with his club, would just press the two parts of the club only the closer together, that in consequence of the shaft running down at the back of the neck in this way a more direct drive is communicated to the ball, and, in fact, that it has every possible advantage. It does not seem to one who is quite ignorant of mechanics that there can be a doubt that this principle is right. I do not think that a man would make a fishing-rod with the splices running as the splice runs in most golf clubs, so that only whipping and glue should be opposed to the force of the throw or of the fish fighting at the end of the line; and if a fishing-rod-maker would not employ such a system, and would prefer one by which the two solid parts of the splice were made to support each other when the strain came, it is not quite clear why the golf-club-maker should employ it. But probably he will go on employing it while he makes "scared" clubs, and for the very worst of reasons, because he always has.

THE BEFOGGED GOLFER.

We have had much experience in the past months of golf in the fog, which is always of interest, although a cause of much exasperation. A curious point about it is that if we send on a fore caddie to mark the ball, and his figure looming through the mist is the only detail which catches the eye, we drive with a most abnormal and almost miraculous accuracy at him, so that from one hole to another his life seems hardly worth a moment's purchase. It is an object-lesson to us, if we will but understand it rightly, in the value of concentrating attention on the point we wish to reach on a day of ordinary clearness, and of not letting our eye and attention be distracted by the varied things which the fog at other times kindly drapes. It is an indication that, if we can contrive to concentrate our attention sufficiently, that concentration in itself is apt to lead the ball to the point. At Walton Heath the other day, in the fog, the Oxford University team, not knowing the course, had a very warm reception. Especially did the leader of the Oxford side, Mr. Robertson-Durham (for Mr. Bruce, the captain, was not playing), suffer terrible things at the hands of Mr. Owen Bevan, whose approximate score is given at 74—good enough at Walton Heath even without any fog—which is, I am told, the amateur record. Mr. Robertson-Durham has been winning most of his matches for the University, but this foggy business was, no doubt, not quite fair on the stranger who did not know his way about. HORACE HUTCHINSON.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE SANDWICH LINKS.

SIR,—Mr. Horace Hutchinson's article in your issue of the 24th ult. on "Suggested Alterations of the Sandwich Course" requires no apology for its appearance, as a discussion in public of the merits or demerits of any golf course, or space on which any athletic competitions open to the public are contested, is justified by the importance such competitions hold in the public mind. After the incoming of the rubber-cored ball into the great competitions of the golfing world in 1904, it was seen that many of the "levelling" holes of the gutta-percha ball days had their characters greatly changed, and that holes of from 200yds. to 250yds., which in the gutta days had required a drive and an iron approach, were now driven by the good drivers from the tee, and had, therefore, their par play lessened by one stroke each. This is, in the case of the Sandwich course, especially marked at the third and fifth holes, where all who are in the running of the great public competitions now go for the greens from the tees. The lengths of the holes are, in the case of the third hole, 267yds. in a dog-legged walk, but not in arrow flight, to the hole, and in the case of the fifth hole 240yds. From the positions of the hazards in both these holes they could not be placed among the so-called "levellers," in which it is not important whether you played your iron from the tee or as the approach shot, as the hazards are in both cases at such a distance that they must be cleared from the tee for safety to be ensured. This lengthening of the flight of full shots from the tees has also had its effect on the other holes at Sandwich, and may lead to a lengthening of the course as it has done at St. Andrews and Hoylake, where greens which were considered in the gutta days as reached by good play in the third stroke are now arrived at in two strokes, and these not always from "wood." To obviate this shortening of the whole course, and more especially to remove "the lack of balance" of the two halves of the course, about which many are, Mr. Hutchinson says, so querulous, it is proposed to miss the second hole, and go from the second tee to the third hole. This would, in my opinion, be a great sacrifice, as each of these holes is characteristic of Sandwich. They both require what our forefathers held to be the greatest points of the game, "far and sure" shots from the tee, and give a great pull in each case to fine driving. At the second hole a distance of 165yds. 2ft. has to be carried from the backward championship tee to clear the bunker, and at the third hole about 180yds. to reach the green. The shortening of these holes I should deplore, but I would propose that the approach to the second green might be improved by removing the ridge of the saddle which receives the iron shot, and, taking into account the greater running of the new balls, the making it more difficult for a ball to reach grief at the far side of the green, either by increasing the steepness of the slope or clearing the rough somewhat from behind.

So far as I understand the article of the 24th ult. and the letter of the 1st inst., Mr. Hutchinson agrees with the proposals made to lengthen the first, fourth, fifth, seventh, and ninth holes in the outgoing half, and he proposes missing the eleventh by going straight from the present tenth to the present twelfth hole, and adding the three new trial

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holes as the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth holes. The course would then stand as follows:

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2nd ...	312 ...	11th ..	430
3rd ...	267 ...	12th ...	431
4th ...	424 ...	13th ...	505
5th ...	330 ...	14th ...	433
6th ...	186 ...	15th ...	310
7th ...	498 ...	16th ..	460
8th ...	180 ...	17th ...	420
9th ...	410 ...	18th ...	300
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This would still leave to the querulous objectors the inequality of balance to grumble at. For my part, I see no objection to a lack of balance in a golf course, and if the advantages obtained by that lack of balance are great, and, as I think in the Sandwich course, so far preponderating over any new ideas as to symmetry in length of the outgoing and ingoing halves, I do not consider such an objection as of any weight. Mr. Hutchinson's plan as given above would leave part of the course, viz., the first ten holes, intact. Such a combination of holes, possessing as they do the well-known characteristics and peculiarities of Sandwich, compelling accuracy, and rewarding nicety of play, is unique. The last eight holes are in a country seen on many golf courses, and may be formed artificially into good sound holes, which improvement I trust may be effected ere long and a thirty-six-hole course arranged. If Mr. Hutchinson can cause the alterations as above given to be made in the St. George's Golf Course during his term of office, he will leave a remembrance which will be pleasing to the members and the many admirers of Sandwich outside the pale of the club.—W. LAIDLAW PURVES.

FIXTURES.

December 22nd, etc.—Rye G.C., Christmas Meeting.
 December 24th.—Felixstowe G.C., Christmas Meeting.
 December 24th and 25th.—Willingdon (Eastbourne), Christmas Meeting.
 December 26th and 27th.—Weston-super-Mare G.C., Christmas Meeting.
 December 27th, etc.—Seaford G.C., Winter Meeting.
 December 27th and 28th.—Royal Eastbourne G.C., Winter Meeting.

O'ER FIELD AND FURROW.

THE chief place this week must be given to the Cottesmore. This pack had notable runs on Saturday and Tuesday week, the former right into the Belvoir country. The meet had been changed from Somerby to Whissendine, and the hounds were, therefore, taken to draw the Wymondham coverts, which are on the borders of the Belvoir country. It really seemed as though the pack surprised a Belvoir fox paying a visit on an off-day to friends in Rutlandshire.

PRUNING ORCHARD TREES.

A CORRESPONDENT, writing under date November 22nd last, says: "About a year ago there appeared in COUNTRY LIFE an illustrated article on orchards, in which as a result of experiments then going on on the Duke of Bedford's estate it was advised to prune the young trees at once after planting, but I was unable to gather from the article what was the best course to follow afterwards—whether to prune regularly, now and then, or not at all. Kindly advise me as to this." A considerable difference of opinion exists on the wisdom or otherwise of pruning fruit trees soon after planting. Many experts favour the practice of deferring the pruning until the second winter after planting. Our experience proves that better permanent results are obtained by pruning the same season that the trees are planted; that is to say, suppose the trees are put in during November, we should prune from the middle to the end of January. The pruning this time should consist in cutting each young branch back half its length, the result being that in the following summer three or more young shoots will grow from each of those cut back, furnishing the young tree with main branches for many years to come. The branches so formed must not be cut back again or shortened for years, if at all. The only pruning necessary afterwards will be an occasional thinning out of the branches to prevent overcrowding, and to cut out any shoots with a tendency to grow inwards. To show how experts differ, Mr. George Bunyard in "The Fruit Garden" writes: "Experts differ as to the advisability of pruning the first or second year after planting. Roughly speaking, trees that are carefully planned before Christmas may be pruned in the month of February in gardens, but orchard trees should be allowed a summer's growth before they are cut back. Thousands of trees are ruined by over-pruning the first year; they form weakly growth and fruit-spurs, instead of that vigorous growth which lays the foundation of a finely-developed tree. Supposing the orchard trees to have had a summer's growth, the pruner first cuts out all misplaced shoots and shortens the rest back to within gin. of the old growth, or the stem, taking care that the end (or terminal) buds point outwards. After this from gin. to 12in. of new growth is left annually. The desired basin-shaped tree is secured by cutting back the inner branches to four buds, and regulating the shoots so that a proper balance is kept upon all sides of the tree. Cherries require this treatment for three years, other fruit trees for longer; but when the heads are well developed only weakly shoots or those which cross each other, and useless spray, will require to be cut out. Trees carefully pruned give the finest fruit, so that a little attention year by year pays."



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The line taken was a good one, but rather devious. The fact is that it is rather difficult for a fox to take a direct course in a grass country where sheep, cattle and the men and dogs who look after them are in nearly every field. Probably, however, the fox made his original point, and the deviations from his course were owing to reasons which few people were forward enough to see. Only those who, like the huntsman and a few more, actually rode the same line as the pack could tell this. People

have a bad habit of imagining that they know the run of the foxes. We all do it in a familiar country. A fox breaks, and we at once exclaim, "Oh! he's sure to go to —." Well, he does go thither four times out of six; but on the other two occasions we are left behind as a just penalty for knowing too much. In fact, one loses many more good runs in a country one knows than in a strange land. From Wymondham to Woodwell Head or Stapleford is natural enough. But after a short distance on a

stereotyped line the pack wheeled suddenly to the left, and, making no delay at the railway or the road, left those of their followers who were skirting to the right with a long way to make up. Some took the hint, and, as far as possible, kept the pack on their right and thus gained by the leftward turns. When a fox begins to work to one hand he will very likely keep on doing this all the time. After passing Garthorpe the fox threaded several of the Belvoir coverts, hoping, perhaps, to shift the pack to

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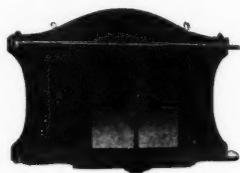
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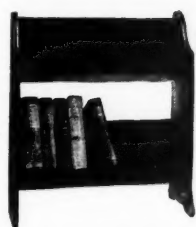
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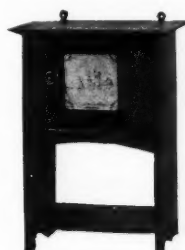
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another fox. But Thatcher kept his hounds to the line, and those who galloped hard round the coverts were barely in time to see the pack flying clear over the fields. From Newman's Gorse to Bescaby Oaks the fox ran straight. He was near home, and there were friendly earths, perhaps. These were guarded, and the fox circled round, now fairly beaten. Suddenly a loud chorus told of a fresh scent, and the fox effected a well-deserved escape or the hounds lost a well-earned meal, according to the point of view. Mr. W. Harford was knocked over near the boundary wall of Croxton Park by a rider who was following too close behind him. This was a good run, but for remarkable incidents I think the Albrighton day must be allowed the first place. The sport was good enough, as it has generally been with this pack under the present Master, Colonel Goulbourn, and Morris, the huntsman (the latter had already made a name for himself in the Grafton country), but the remarkable feature was that two foxes in succession saved their lives in exactly the same way. Everyone knows, or should know, that the Albrighton country is divided from the Wheatland by the river Severn. Just now the river is in flood and particularly uninviting. Foxes, as a rule, run along the stream, but on this occasion two runs were, as I have said, brought to a close by the fox taking to the river and swimming across. On the far bank the first fugitive shook the water out of his coat and trotted quietly away, as though aware that he was perfectly safe. It almost seemed as though he had done it before. The hounds were stopped on both occasions. However, foxes do not always come off so easily, for I once saw a hard run fox plunge into the Thames when the Heythrop hounds were after him. The shock of the cold water was too great and he sank like a stone. He was fished out with a rake, and a rustic who helped observed, when the fox was recovered,

"Poor little thing, it was sad his being drowned like that." Had the fox died a "natural" death, who would have shouted louder than this sympathiser? Curious, too, in its way, was the meeting of the North Staffordshire and North Shropshire. They met, but they did not clash; the two packs were working out each the line of its own fox within sight of, but without interfering with, each other.

There seems to be a good deal of wire about. Captain Steeds had a nasty fall while hunting with the Belvoir from Harley. But the district round Langar has for some time been a byword for wire. Colonel Gilbey, the late Master of the Old Berkeley West, had a fall from the same cause, and Major Williams was much cut and shaken by his horse coming in contact with a wire strand while hunting with the Holderness. Sir Peter Muntz is another victim. On the other hand, the three ladies who had falls last week all owed their misfortune to what may be described as natural causes. The Duchess of Beaufort's horse fell on landing. The horse of Miss Horsley of Collingham slipped up, always a dangerous form of mishap. Lady Ada Fitzwilliam, who broke her leg while hunting with the Kildare Hounds, came down as the result of the ordinary casualties of hunting. It is the only argument I know of for the adoption of the cavalier seat by ladies in the hunting-field, that in case of a fall they would be far more likely to be thrown clear of the horse. However, Mrs. F. Daly, who is one of the best ladies to hounds I ever saw, has tried the method noted above and says that women would be likely to have many more falls, so perhaps things are fairly even. Cold Overton with the Cottesmore is one of those fixtures that no one misses if he can help it. It is the centre of a carefully preserved district, and foxes are plentiful. The coverts are large enough to shelter stout foxes, yet not so large as to enable a fox (with Thatcher and the Cottesmore bitches



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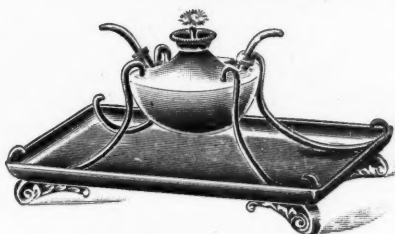
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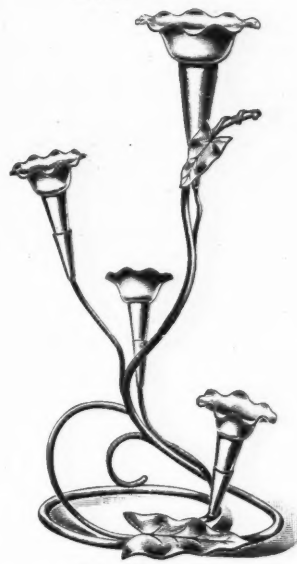
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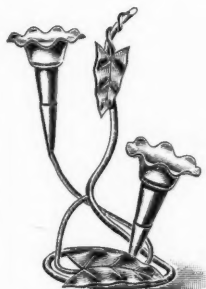


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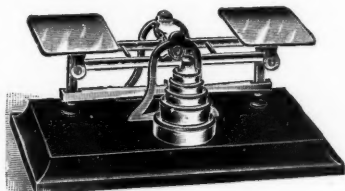


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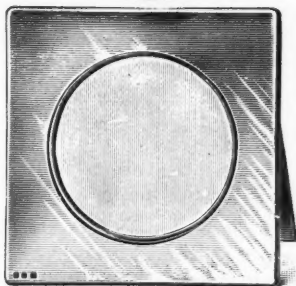
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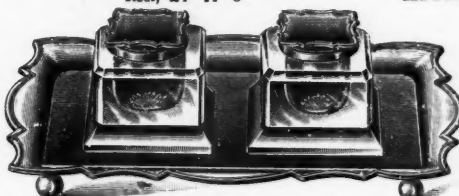
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There were a number of people out well known in the hunting and polo world—Colonel Kincaid Smith, Colonel Malcolm Little, Mr. J. Bellville, Major Hughes Onslow, Mr. Cumberland Bentley, Major Ricardo, Mr. Hugh Owen, Mr. Maunsell-Richardson, Elizabeth Lady Wilton on a motor (which is a sad falling off in one who was by birth a Craven), and, of course, the usual assembly from Melton and Market Harborough and their respective suburbs. Cold Overton is a convenient meeting point for the members of these hunts. Ranksborough Gorse was the second draw. The gorse and the country around swarmed with foxes. A chorus in the gorse—everyone is on the alert—a smothered growling. “Chopped him in covert!” But the huntsman disdains so easy a victory, and his voice and horn bring hounds on to the line of another fox, which breaks with his head towards Leesthorpe. “Farrard on!” No, his courage fails him, and it’s “Tally-ho ba-ick!” But there is no rest for him, the bitches have got their blood up. Hounds settle to run, and men to ride. Look at the pack; the huntsman would tell you that hounds are in their customary relative places. Look at the field and, bar accidents, the same men will lead, the same accept the lead, and others as steadily drop back. But there were murder and sudden death in a hedgerow where a luckless fox was awakened from dreams of “good hunting” by the hounds. Two foxes wasted, and rich as the Cottesmore is in foxes, one cannot help regretting this. There were no “obsequies,” but a cheer forward brought hounds back to the line of the original fox. Yet even this delay favoured him, and hounds began to need help. “Tally-ho!” and a fox springs up out of some plough. A fresh one. Hounds catch a view, and away they go again with the added zest a change of scent brings. As long as hounds are close to him all goes well right through the spinneys and down to the Whissendine, which seems to me to have as many branches as a Hindoo idol has arms. The distraction of fresh foxes, perhaps, makes hounds a little impatient of a catchy scent, and they make less and less of it till it flickers out altogether. But there was grief at the brook, and one horse spent a long time there. It wasn’t his fault; he swept down to the stream and spread himself over it, but as he landed the treacherous banks gave way, and he stayed there till cart ropes were brought. But this interesting day was not over. Orton Park Wood is a nearly square covert, rather longer than it is broad, on the top of a hill. There are other coverts on all sides of it, and Ranksborough itself is less than two miles away. There is, thus, a certain amount of chance as to whether one snatches a start, or has to gallop round or squelch through the rather sticky rides. Most people, I fancy, expect a start on the south side, and, perhaps, for that reason the fox often, as he did now, prefers the north. It was not to be a great run, for a half mile by the Langham Flats took the hounds to Ranksborough Gorse, and here, at least, one-horse people had had enough. I hear the Belvoir had an excellent fifty minutes on the same day. This, however, was

on that Lincolnshire side of the country on which they have been enjoying such good sport this season. They finished with a kill, having hunted their fox fairly to death.

I should like to draw the attention of those interested in county horse shows to the example of Lord Tredegar’s Show. A £20 cup was offered for hunters, those entered to be tested over a fair hunting country. This cup was won by Mr. Stokes’s Whiskey. Show hunters are not unjustly believed to be, as a rule, inferior performers over a country; but Whiskey has forty-two show-ring wins, including Richmond, to his credit, and we may except, perhaps, the best show hunter of the year from this condemnation. If horses were tried in this way it would add greatly to the interest of hunter shows and to their usefulness. Such competitions cannot be common, for it is necessary that the trial should be over a fair natural hunting country, and made up fences would be no test at all, as anyone who attends or judges at shows where there are jumping competitions well knows. X.

THE PRESERVATION OF OLD TREES.

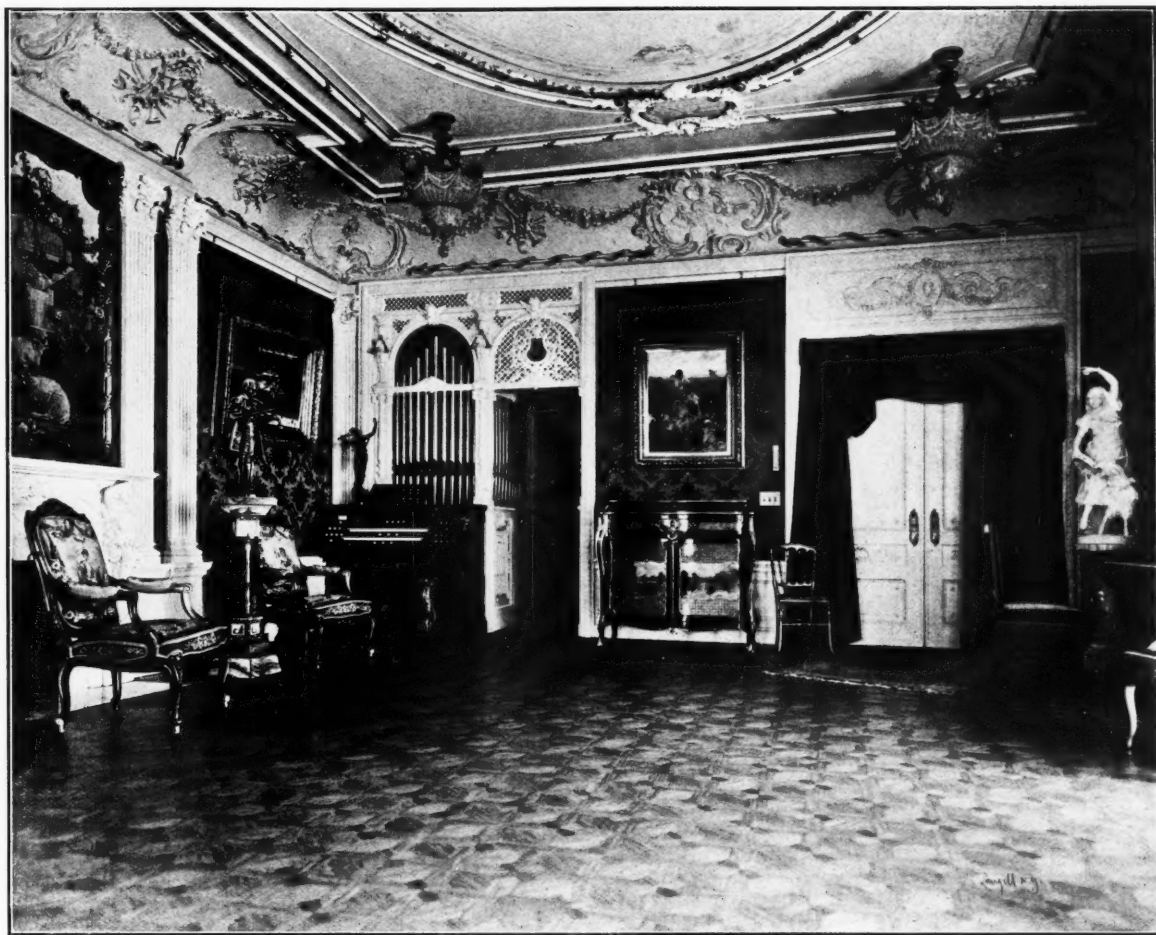
WE have received several letters on the subject of the decay of old trees recently referred to in these pages, and have thought the subject sufficiently interesting to illustrate the marked difference between the trees which during the past summer’s drought have received proper attention and those left alone. And no better object-lesson could be afforded than that shown by the accompanying illustrations, which were taken in the Royal Gardens at Kew about the middle of last month. It is not surprising to the student of arboriculture to find that the effect of the past dry summer on old trees in light soils has been the reverse of beneficial. Many complaints have been received of the gradual decline of trees which perhaps for centuries have been the pride of park and woodland, and this the result not of any actual disease, but of drought, months of pitiless sunshine without the cooling influence of either showers to refresh the foliage or rains to moisten the roots. Disasters have naturally been most frequent with shallow-rooting trees on light soils, and we first noticed most praiseworthy efforts to arrest this slow death in the Royal Gardens, Kew, where the soil is very light and poor, and the greatest care is necessary in establishing young trees and in preserving the veterans.

Whether the practice followed in these beautiful gardens has been adopted elsewhere the writer is unable to say, but the efforts made to preserve the trees have been so successful that owners of parks with trees dying through a dry soil in hot, rainless summers may be interested to know the methods adopted. The illustrations will show more explicitly than description the remarkable result of judicious mulching over the roots, that is, manuring the soil for a considerable distance round the bole of the tree.

In one illustration two trees of the common beech, which has been perhaps the greatest sufferer, are shown side by side, and the difference in their appearance is at once apparent. The tree bare of foliage presented a sorry sight when we saw it last September, and in many cases the leaves shrivelled up and fell between August 30th and September 8th. Several years ago a similarly dry summer was experienced at Kew, and many old trees were almost lost; we forget the exact year, but well remember the drastic measures taken to save them. A heavy mulching of grass and short horse manure was given on the soil over the roots, the material for this purpose having been stacked for over six months. An examination made a year afterwards revealed the beneficial results of this rich mulching, young roots pushing into it, and, of course, imparting new life to the tree. Not only was the annual growth increased in strength and length, but the leaves were larger in size and finer in colour. The trees were saved, and the effect of the mulching may be seen to this day.



BEECHES AT KEW: TREE ON LEFT UNMULCHED, TREE ON RIGHT MULCHED.



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The good effect of mulching was never more apparent at Kew than during the late autumn, and no better object-lessons could be produced than the illustrations accompanying these notes. In every instance where the trees had received a generous life-giving mulching the leaves were retained, but those even a few yards away were as bare as in winter. One illustration depicts this result, one beech tree as full of leaves as in the high summer, the other with not a trace of foliage, and the disastrous effect of this premature falling of the leaves is known



MAPLE NOT MULCHED. THIS TREE WAS LEAFLESS IN SEPTEMBER.

to everyone with even an elementary knowledge of tree-life. Even in November the trees that were mulched carried much foliage, which glinted with the rich tints of late autumn. Another illustration shows a mulching round a tree that has lost its foliage through the drought, and it is hoped that this food to the roots will restore its vigour next year.

The lesson to be gathered from this mulching is that shallow-rooting trees, such as the beech, must, when on dry soil, receive such assistance to preserve them from decay; 6in. to 8in. of manure will be sufficient, and it is well to leave a space of about a foot free round the bole, as most trees have a strong objection to any material placed against the base of the trunk. This manure is prepared as follows: 1ft. thick of short grass, over this 6in. of peat manure, and these layers repeated until a heap of 6ft. has been formed. When moderately wet weather is experienced the



MAPLE MULCHED. PHOTOGRAPHED IN NOVEMBER, SAME DAY AS COMPANION.

heap soon becomes ready for use, but if the season is rainless the whole heap should be turned over and water given occasionally to rot the materials. This mulch keeps the moisture in the soil and feeds the roots. It performs, therefore, a double service.

It is not only the veteran trees at Kew that have received assistance from these manurial mulchings, but the newly-planted and those of tender years. In other illustrations the maple is seen mulched and not mulched, and the experience of the writer on a dry soil on a sunny hill top is that mulching is essential during the early years of a tree's life. At this planting-time it is well to remember that not only should the roots be carefully laid out, but given a run of 4ft. 6in. round the stem. In our case the soil was made up of well-decayed turf mixed with manure; over this a mulch of short manure was given, and without this the trees, chiefly apples and plums, would most assuredly have succumbed in the drought of the present year. We are writing now of gardens where water cannot be given, but we

think that at the Royal Gardens at Kew, where there is an unlimited supply, unmulched trees showing signs of distress are liberally watered. This is impossible in years of drought when the water supply depends upon wells which have the unpleasant habit of running dry. Mulch, mulch, mulch should be the watchword of the gardener and the forester. The Director has under his care in the Royal Gardens priceless collections of trees and shrubs, and his efforts to preserve this assemblage of things exotic and



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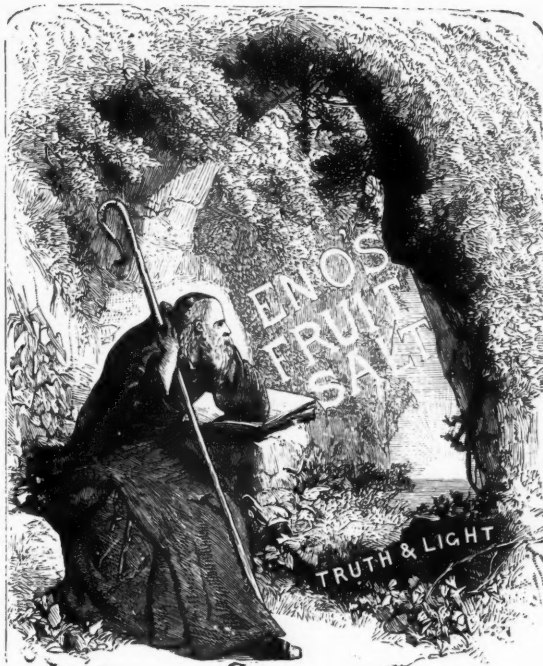
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Oh! why should the spirit of mortal
be proud?

Like a swift-fleeting meteor, a fast-
flying cloud,
A flash of the lightning, a break of
the wave,
Man passes from life to his rest in
the grave.

The hand of the king that sceptre
hath borne,
The brow of the priest that mitre
hath worn,
The eye of the sage, and the heart of
the brave,
Are hidden and lost in the depths of
the grave.

The peasant whose lot was to sow and
to reap,
The herdsman who climb'd with his
goats to the steep,
The beggar who wander'd in search of
his bread,
Have faded away like the grass that
we tread.



The saint who enjoy'd the communion
of Heaven,
The sinner who dared to remain
unforgiven,
The wise and the foolish, the guilty
and just,
Have quietly mingled their bones in
the dust.

They died—ay! they died; and we
things that are now,
Who walk on the turf that lies over
their brow,
Who make in their dwellings a transient
abode,
Meet the changes they met on their
pilgrimage road.

'Tis the wink of an eye, 'tis the draught
of a breath,
From the blossom of health to the
paleness of death,
From the gilded saloon to the bier and
shroud,
Oh! why should the spirit of mortal be
proud?

Here hath been dawning Another blue day; Think, wilt thou let it slip useless away!—T. CARLYLE.

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things British in times of drought should influence owners of private estates. Another great help to newly-planted trees is a covering of dry leaves over the soil above the roots. This is seldom done, but of its value there can be no question.

THE SPHERE OF THE CAMERA.

[As there are a number of photographs of exceptional merit in this issue, we have submitted them to a well-known exponent of artistic photography, and have pleasure in placing his remarks before our readers.—ED.]

THE influence of the camera is steadily and surely pervading the atmosphere of every holiday-maker, as well as those whose opportunities for studying Nature are more frequent. There can be few families to-day of which at least one member does not possess a camera, or a smattering of its use and a thirst for further knowledge. When we consider the vast number of hand cameras and photographic outfits turned out yearly by the principal makers, we may well pause to consider the proportion of the great army of amateurs for whom they are provided. That these cameras are used—and used extensively—needs but little confirmation. A visit to the warehouses of the larger wholesale distributors of photographic materials will soon convince the enquiring mind that photography has not only effectively taken its place among the graphic arts, but dependent upon it is a very live industry indeed, and the appetite of the amateur for plates, films and printing papers is practically insatiable and limitless. The camera, therefore, having taken its place in our modern economy, its consideration enters largely into the scheme of most tours into the country that would otherwise have left many a fairly observant person blind to the manifold beauties of Nature. Excursions abroad are given an extra flavour by the thoughts of a pictorial record made possible, and the camera holds a strong brief on behalf of beautiful scenery, a study of which unconsciously teaches more than a lifetime of verbal instruction would give. The educative value of the camera is therefore not to be despised, and the steady increase in quality in the productions of photographic picture-makers is a strong proof of its application. During the autumn and winter of this year the two big London photographic exhibitions—those of the Royal Photographic Society and the Photographic Salon—followed by the Hackney, Southsea, Hove, and Southampton exhibitions, have demonstrated to the public generally the great advances made in modern pictorial photography. The reproductions given elsewhere in this issue of some outstanding examples of work from these shows must at once appeal to every observer, and indicate that the camera has become in the hands of the artist as subtle a tool as the brush or pencil, despite the underlying feeling that a photograph must necessarily be a record of fact and, at the most, a pictorial embodiment of realism. Yet who can deny the charm of the line and action in J. J. Westcott's picture "The Close of a Stormy Day," from the Hackney exhibition. Here we have concentration of interest, almost perfect chiaroscuro, and a disposition of lines and subject that has afforded a theme for many a painter. Yet this is ostensibly a straightforward production of the photographer's skill. Again, take the general scheme of the striking seascape "Mid-Ocean," by F. J. Mortimer, from the same exhibition. The swirl of the heaving waters and the placing of the plunging ship leave little scope for criticism. The open-air and daylight effect is perfect, as is the effect of reflected light in "Blowing up for Rain." These pictures, and the other two by the same worker, reproduced in this issue, will stir the blood of the true islander. The majesty of the ocean is rightly rendered, and sea and sky claim their own from the devotee of the open air and the lover of the sea. The call of the country-side and its attendant pictorial attributes also ring as strong within the ears of the modern artist even as the call of the sea is all-dominant to the Britisher. A more homely subject, in "A Devon Cornfield," by A. Hyder, shown at the Hackney exhibition, strikes the true sentiment of the English landscape, apart from the effective grouping of the figures, and the recording camera has perpetuated an incident commonplace enough, yet, under the advantageous circumstances that presented themselves and were made the most of by the photographer, a composition is arrived at that is agreeable and illustrative.

Apart from the successful rendering of the ocean in its more terrible moods, the portrayal of smooth water, wet sands or roadways after rain calls for a considerable amount of careful observation and technical skill. When it is considered that, in many cases, reflections play an important part in the scheme of a picture in which they occur, the successful and pleasing rendering is always worthy of note. The two pictures "The Wet Road," by W. Selfe, and "The Last Load," by S. C. Stean, both from the Hackney exhibition, are cases in point. In the former the composition is materially aided by the rain-soaked cart ruts, and their presence is a point that doubtless entered into the

consideration of the photographer when exposing for the picture. It cannot be conceived that such a composition that "hangs together" so well can have been entirely adventitious. The other picture may, however, have been less deliberate in intention, yet is most happy in arrangement, and speaks as well for the power of the camera to record as for the perception of the photographer. It would be difficult to avoid a passing reference to Alex. Keighley's two fine pictures—"The Bridge" and "The Almshouse Well"—when discussing modern pictorial successes at the London exhibitions. These productions take us further afield, and the atmosphere of a sunnier clime is faithfully caught by the all-seeing camera. The day may not be far distant when we may be able to secure for the further delectation of the artistic soul the exact reproduction by means of the camera of colour as well as of light and shade and form. Till that time arrives, however, the position of photography admits of no question as the most versatile of the graphic arts; and if it is not the most distinguished, it is at least the most extensively used, and we venture to think the most catholic in its effects.

THE VILLA D'ESTE IN MODERN TIMES.

THE many visitors of all nationalities, who have borne away from Rome a delightful memory of the Villa d'Este at Tivoli, one of the most beautiful gardens in the world, will be interested by a notice lately published in a contemporary announcing that an action is to be brought on December 8th by Cavalière Gustave Nobili against the Archduke of Austria, who is the present owner of the villa, to recover a sum of £12,800 for the expenses incurred by the late Cardinal Hohenlohe, of whom Cavalière Nobili is the heir, during his tenancy, for repairs and maintenance. It is, perhaps, worth while to recall the circumstances under which the famous villa was lent to the Cardinal.

After the deaths of the three great Cardinals, Ippolito, Luigi and Rinaldo of Ferrara, by whom the villa was created, the day of its splendour rapidly grew to a close. Begun in 1551, it was already sadly neglected by 1672. One more Cardinal of the line, a second Rinaldo, did indeed come into possession, but in 1674, his nephew Francesco II. died, and the Cardinal was called on to throw aside the purple, to ascend the ducal throne of Este and to take to himself a wife. Francesco had indeed restored doors and windows in the already dilapidated palace, but Rinaldo does not seem to have made any attempt to preserve his heritage, though, chased from his patrimony at Este, he lived and died in Rome, only eighteen miles distant.

The heirs of Este found the villa a burden on their hands. To keep it up involved immense expense, and it was too distant and inconvenient to be of any use. They were ashamed of the signs of neglect which were constantly brought to their notice, and at the beginning of the eighteenth century the reigning Duke decided to sell it. He expected to realise a splendid sum, but the prices offered were too low, and, much disgusted, he began to dismantle the palace and grounds of the many statues which still adorned them. A long negotiation was carried on with the King of Naples, who wished to acquire "eight statues adorning the Cypress Theatre" and the "Tibertine Sibyl," estimated at 200 scudi. He found a rival in a Cardinal of Modena, who finally came off victorious. Other treasures disappeared, and a second attempt to sell met with little success. The villa, denuded of its ornaments, found even less favour than before. It was too far from Rome, with which there was no means of communication except by a very bad road. Roman princes were well furnished with villas, and the only offers received were miserable ones from nursery gardeners. The Duke then offered it to the Austrian Ambassador, but the gift was declined with courteous thanks and the price put on the Villa d'Este had, by this time, declined to 400,000 lire; it had cost as many millions.

When the last of the Estes, Ercoli III, Duke of Modena, a spendthrift and an exile, died at Trieste in 1797, he left the villa by will to his only daughter, Beatrice, who had married the Archduke of Austria. The Archduchess did little for her inheritance, beyond nominating certain gentlemen of Tivoli as guardians and superintendents. These, ill paid or not paid at all, took little interest in their charge; signs of ruin became more pronounced, the trees began to be cut for firewood, the fountains ceased to play, and in 1802 the palace was turned into a barrack by French troops, who injured the frescoes of the Zuccheri and Tempesta and broke the other stonework. The last guardian, De Angelis, was at length obliged to write to his patron that the roof was becoming unsafe, but received the crushing reply that the Duke intended to spend no sum, either small or great, in restoring the villa, a response that must have made Cardinal Ippolito turn in his tomb!

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consideration to buy it for the summer resort of a military training school. One cannot regret that this fell through, and that Cardinal Ippolito's cypresses still look down upon peaceful surroundings. It was in 1859 that the Austrian Cardinal Gustav von Hohenlohe, who used to go to Tivoli in summer for the sulphur baths, and who had found great difficulty in getting pleasant lodgings, walking home one hot day from Bagni, strayed into the grounds for shade and rest, and was struck by the idea of writing to the Archduke to beg him to let him two or three rooms. The Archduke was delighted to see a way of getting his care-taking, which had amounted to about £50 a year, done for nothing. A contract was promptly drawn up, making over the villa to Cardinal Hohenlohe for life, on condition of his keeping it in order.

The Cardinal, once installed, found his greatest pleasure in restoring and improving his beautiful summer-house. He was not a very rich man, and to have adequately restored the place, would have absorbed a fortune, but by degrees, much was done, the worst ruin was arrested, the fountains played anew, the trees were pruned, the paths cleared and the rooms furnished. The Cardinal, who was a man of great culture, with a gift of witty and amusing conversation, kind hearted, charitable and with charming manners, was much loved in Rome and delighted in entertaining his friends and, in his time, some of the former state of the villa revived. Among those who visited him there from time to time, besides the Roman nobility, were royalties and ambassadors from all parts of Europe. His death, in 1896, removed a conspicuous and attractive figure from Roman society.



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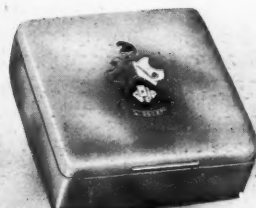
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Liszt was often a visitor. The Cardinal several times lent him the apartments for the summer, and friends still recall the fascination of sitting on the broad terraces, watching the sun sinking over the far Campagna and listening to the great musician playing Chopin. The old *custode*, Martini, was the last descendant of a long line of servitors, the first of whom came to Tivoli with Cardinal Ippolito d'Este in 1551. He died a few months before Cardinal Hohenlohe.

FAT STOCK AT BIRMINGHAM.

IF the exhibits at Birmingham fell somewhat below the usual standard both in numbers and quality, it was for a reason eminently satisfactory to all engaged in the great breeding industry. During the past year the foreign and colonial demand for English livestock has been abnormally great, and the result is that our yards have been depleted of the flower of their livestock. It is impossible to have our best Shorthorns both in the Argentine and at Birmingham. The prices obtained for the exported stock is a substantial consolation for the owners. Another reason that is not quite so satisfactory is that the beef trade, for some time past, has not been quite so encouraging as it might be, and this is far from being an inducement to prepare animals for show. The total number of entries of livestock was 299, as compared with 329 of last year, and the falling off was mostly in cattle, the sheep and pigs remaining about the same as last year. The exhibition was opened in beautiful weather, and the attendance was not very large; but as the price of admission, while judging is going on, is fixed at 10s., this is not to be wondered at. One of the gratifying features of the judging was the success of the King. There were shown by him three Herefords, three Shorthorns and three Devons, and among them they carried off four first and three second prizes, a reserve, two breed cups and the championship of the show. These were from Windsor, and to the King's list of successes must be added a first for a Dexter heifer from Sandringham, and two first prizes, a third and a reserve for Southdown sheep from the same place. The winner of the championship is the red and white Shorthorn steer which won in the younger class at Birmingham last year. He was bred at the Royal farms at Windsor, and he won this year first prize in his class, the £50 special prize for the best Shorthorn, the breeders' prize of £20 for the best animal bred by the exhibitor and three champion challenge cups value 300 guineas. The history of these challenge cups forms an interesting chapter in the study of breeds. A Devon, belonging to the King, carried off the honours three years ago. Last year a Hereford, bred at Windsor, was champion, and now the distinction has been gained by a Shorthorn. The following is a full list of the prizes won by the King. First, there was the Elkington challenge cup, value 100 guineas, for the best animal in the show, to be won three years by the same exhibitor; won by the King in 1903, 1905, 1906. The Thorley challenge cup is of the same value and given under the same conditions. It was won by the King in 1905 and 1906. The Webb challenge cup is also awarded in the same way, and has been won by the King in 1904, 1905 and 1906. He won the breeders' champion's prize for cattle value £25, the £50 for the best Shorthorn, and £10 for the best Devon. The class prizes were: Class 1, Hereford steers, second prize, £10; Class 3, Hereford cows or heifers, first prize, £15; Class 4, Shorthorn steers, first prize, £20; Class 5, Shorthorn steers, second prize, £10; Class 6, Shorthorn cows or heifers, first prize, £15; Class 9, Devon cows or heifers, first prize, £10; Class 25, Kerry or Dexter cows or heifers, first prize, £10; Class 29, Southdown wether sheep, first prize, £15; Class 34, Southdown lambs, first prize, £10; Class 34, Southdown lambs, third prize, £3. The first place in the catalogue is always assigned to the Hereford breed at Birmingham, but in this case it was more remarkable for numbers than quality. The King's representative was here beaten by a grand bullock shown by that well-known exhibitor Mr. W. H. Cooke. The yearlings were scarcely up to the usual standard, and the first prize went to Mr. Edwards for a bullock which weighs over 14½cwt., and is not yet twenty-three months old. The exhibition of Shorthorns was disappointing. The three prize-winners of last year fought out their battle over again with pretty much the same result as before, save that the third winner was only commended. The Windsor steer showed great improvement on last year's form. His weight is now 18cwt. 12lb. In Devons Lord Rosebery won in the senior class of steers exceeding two and not exceeding three years old, and one of his

animals was reserve in the class not exceeding two years old. The Aberdeen Angus was well represented. Mr. Hudson's Danesfield Negro did not repeat his Norwich victory. The first prize went to Merry Monarch, belonging to Captain Townsend, and the second to Mr. McWilliam's Prince George. The prizes in the second class were won by two excellent animals, one belonging to Mr. McWilliam and the other to Mr. Hudson, while Mr. Cridland's Black Chief was placed third. Mr. McWilliam is a Banffshire tenant-farmer, and his animal thoroughly deserved its place. It received a special prize for the best Scot and the championship for animals not exceeding two years old. The cross-breds were not quite so good as they might have been. Mr. McWilliam was first in the class for steers exceeding two and not exceeding three years, and Lord Tredegar second. In the class for steers not exceeding two years, the Earl of Durham was first and Miss Alice Rothschild second. Mr. Hudson's Honey Bee was first for heifers exceeding two and not exceeding three years old, and Miss Alice Rothschild carried off both first and second for young heifers. In Kerries or Dexters Mr. Hudson showed the best steer not exceeding three years old, and the King was first in the class for cows or heifers. The first prize for the best butcher's beast of any breed or age not exceeding 13cwt. was won by Sir W. Corbett, and that for any beast exceeding 13cwt. was won by Mr. R. G. Nash. The sheep proved to be of better quality than the cattle. In wethers the King was first for Southdowns, Sir R. P. Cooper for Shropshires (an exceptionally beautiful pen), Mr. J. T. Hobbs for Oxfords, Mr. James Flower for Hampshires and other Downs, and Mr. W. T. Barnaby for cross-breds. In the lamb classes the King was easily first in Southdowns, Sir R. P. Cooper for Shropshires, Mr. John Hazel for Oxfords, Mr. James Flower for Hampshire and other Downs, and Mrs. Montefiore for cross-breds. In pigs Mr. L. Currie carried off the honours for young Berkshires, Mr. R. Ebbetson for Tamworths, Mr. A. Hughes for large whites and Mr. J. A. Fricker for middle whites. For older Berkshires Mr. Fricker was first, for older Tamworths Mr. John Myatt, for large whites Mr. A. Brown and for middle whites Mr. A. Brown. As a supplement to the live-stock there was an excellent display of roots, potatoes and corn, while the poultry and pigeons formed another interesting department of the exhibition.

CHRISTMAS FRUITS IN COVENT GARDEN MARKET.

CHRISTMAS in Covent Garden is not the Christmas it was even ten years ago. The scene has changed considerably. Flowers still come from the sunny Mediterranean shores and oranges from the Canaries; but strange fruits are seen to-day—custard apples, persimmons, weird-looking Avocado or alligator pears and juicy limes. This change has been brought about through the influence of the Market. The fruits from the tropics were practically unknown a few years ago, but they have been persistently and temptingly displayed in the Central Avenue, until at last a desire has arisen for these delicious and wholesome products from over the seas. It is possible now, through the excellent transit conditions, to have the fruit almost as luscious as if picked from the tree, and special facilities are afforded for the bringing over of the easily-damaged consignments. Walking through the market a few days ago we noticed the preparations for the great festival of the year, and the tropical dainties for the fruit epicure. A remarkable fruit is the West Indian banana, better known as the claret or red banana, a fruit which is more delicate in flavour than any of its family and distinct in colour, hence the popular name.

The Canadian oranges are a feature of this Christmas fruit market, and the reason is that the Canadians are progressive in the cultivation of the land as well as in other ways. It must seem incredible to the frequently careless English packer to be told that the cases for shipment must be of equal size, the finest fruits in one form of case, oranges of the second quality by themselves, and so on—unlike the clumsy methods of many of the British fruit-growers, who place the finest specimens before the eye, but the blemished underneath. The Canadians must be congratulated upon their wisdom and the excellent prices that the fruits realise.

Not only in Covent Garden, but in the suburbs, tropical fruits are in evidence. The shaddock, pumelo or grape fruit, though why called "grape" fruit is not clear, is one of the most familiar. It may be likened to a huge orange, and comes from the tropics. It should be eaten here at breakfast with sugar, to relieve its intense acidity. No more luscious fruit can be imagined than a ripe pumelo on a hot summer morning. A fruit increasing in popularity is the custard apple, the fruit of a bush resembling a magnolia, and called *Anona squamosa*. It is easily known by the Globe artichoke-like scales and shape, and when eaten at the right moment has the flavour of raspberries and cream.

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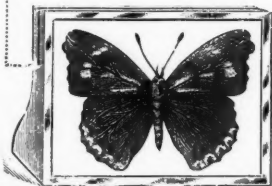
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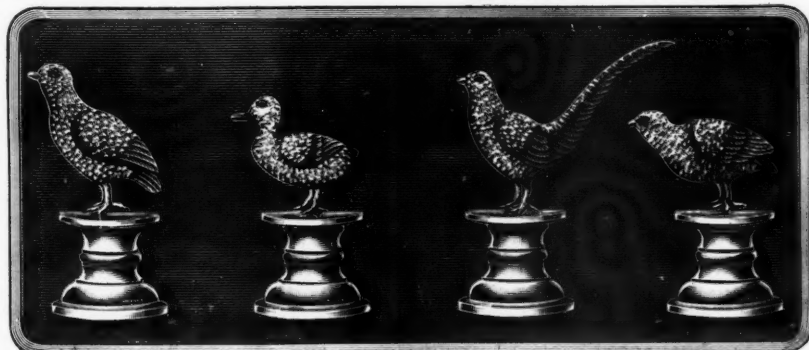
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"Perhaps there is no tree, except the orange, which as a fruit tree is so beautiful as the kaki. In central and northern Japan the variety which produces large orange-coloured, ovate, thick-skinned fruit is the only one planted, and the cultivation of the red-fruited varieties with which we have become acquainted in

this country is confined to the south. A hundred varieties of kaki at least are now recognised and named by Japanese gardeners, but few of them are important commercially in any part of the country which we visited, and except in Kyoto, where red kakis appeared, the only form I saw exposed for sale was the orange-coloured variety, which, fresh and dried, is consumed in immense quantities by the Japanese, who eat it, as they do all their fruits, before it is ripe, and while it has the texture and consistency of a paving stone." This is interesting, as in this country the full delicacy of flavour in the persimmon is not brought out until the fruit is in the first stages of decay.

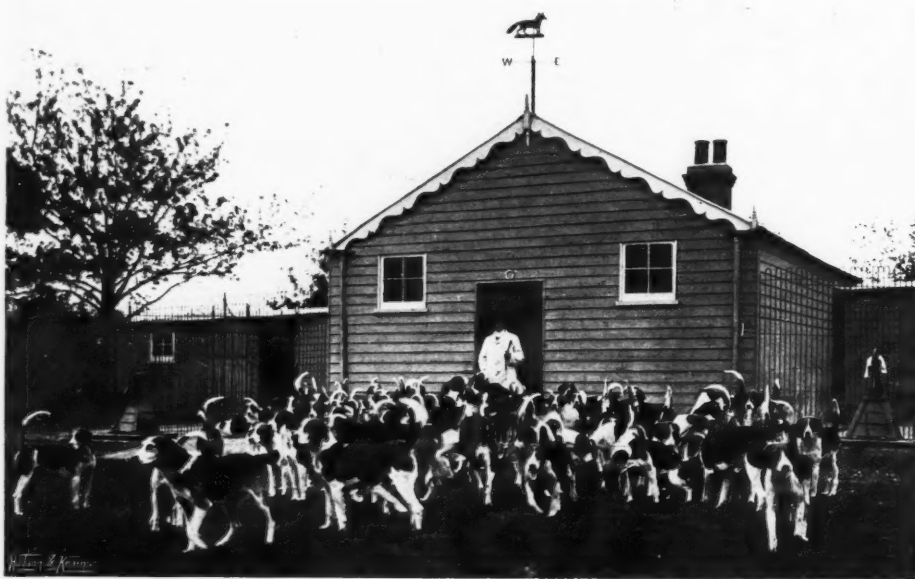
Cornflowers from the South bring the breath of summer to the English winter. Violets are everywhere, and the scarlet bracts of poinsettias shine with a scarlet glow. Already the Christmas trees are arriving, and few know that it is common Spruce which sparkles with candles on Christmas night, and offers from its plummy branches gifts to the little ones. Soon the grey berries of the mistletoe will fill the market, and then all is over.

THE OLD BERKELEY (WEST) HUNT.

IN the days when I hunted with the Old Berkeley

hounds we used to draw the coverts on the steep hills above Princes Risborough, and look out over that fair corner of the Vale of Aylesbury which is part of the inheritance of the Old Berkeley Hunt. But we seldom rode thither. I can see it now, a spreading stretch of beautiful pastures with flying fences. There were said to be no foxes there, and hill foxes do not often go down into a vale. They know

too well the advantage to themselves of tree-clad hills. Once, indeed, I did make an excursion into the Vale. We started



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from a covert on the hill and hounds ran hard as if for the Vale. We hastened down to keep with them, and found ourselves indeed in the Vale, but without hounds. They had turned short under a slope and raced back to the covert, while we took a circuit out into the Vale, believing that hounds were somewhere ahead. Once again I went down into that Vale to meet the harriers. Since Mr. Leadbetter has had the hounds, however, I have heard that foxes are to be found in this de-

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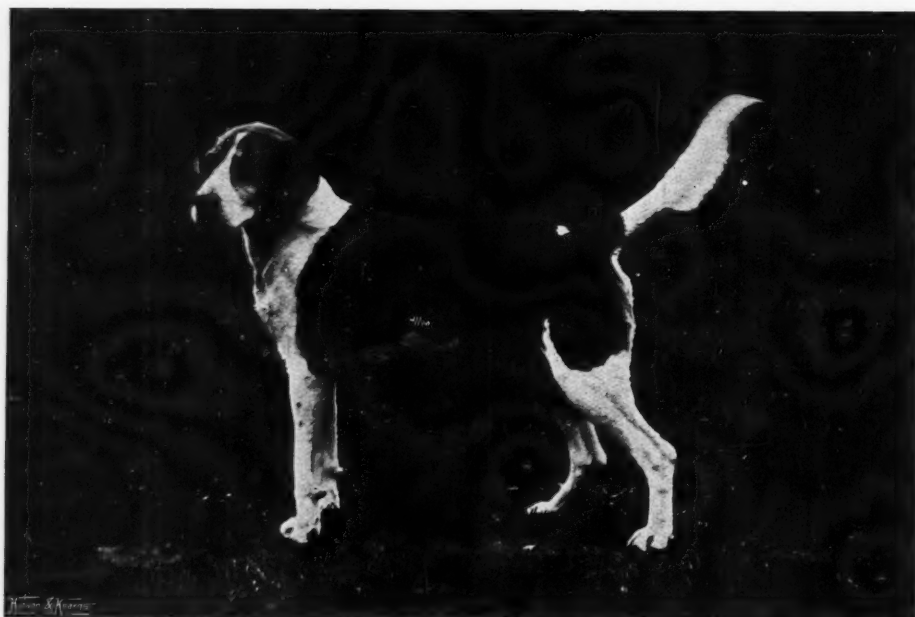
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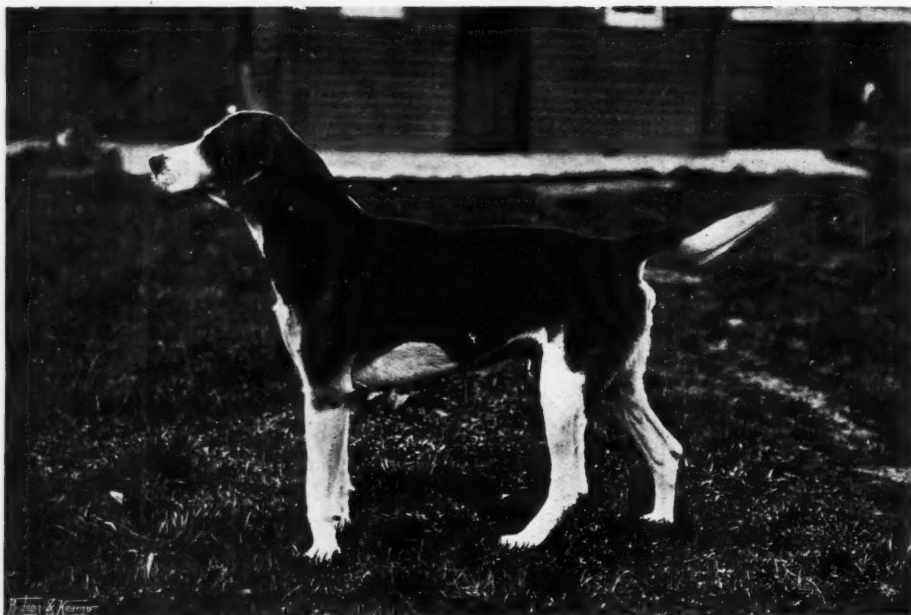
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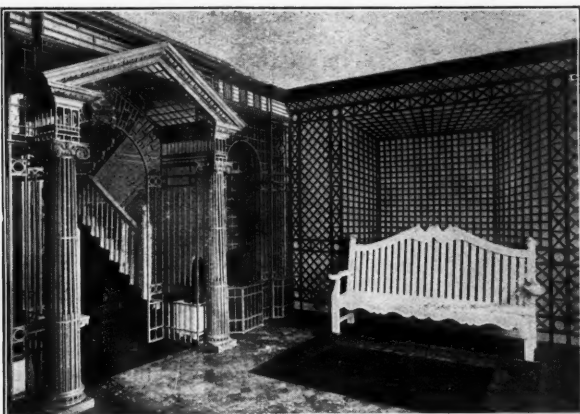
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The Crown, Little Kimble, and there was a big field out, including the Master and Mrs. Leadbetter, Mrs. Claud Leadbetter, Mrs. W. Leadbetter, Mr. and Mrs. L. Brown, Mrs. B. Phillips, the late Master, Mr. Gilbey, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Gilbey, Mr. and Mrs. Story, Mrs. Clarke, Mr. Vaughan and Mr. Rose, one of whose fields held a brace of foxes. The huntsman Dawson (whom I can remember when he was with Mr. Cazenove and the Woodland Pytchley) and his whippers-in were clad in the yellow plush coats which proclaim the historical connection of the Hunt with the Earls of Berkeley and their wide-spreading domain. The Lords of Berkeley could kill a fox on the banks of the Thames and of the Severn and yet never be out of their own country. On the occasion of which I write, the foxes being in the open, the pack started on good terms, and with a serving scent hunted well for an hour and more, over a charming bit of open country, sound grass and flying fences. Colonel Gilbey got entangled in some wire, and there were some other falls. When the first fox went to ground there was another waiting in Kimblewick Gorse; this fox ran a wide ring over some of the best of the Vale. I recognise the points, but the country I do not know, for, as I have said, in my day we seldom ever rode over it, though I have often ridden through it to meet the Bicester or Lord Rothschild's hounds on the far side of the Aylesbury road. Both runs were something out of the common. Mr. Leadbetter has certainly done much for the country. The very existence of the country hung in the balance before he took it over. Nothing, perhaps, could have saved fox-hunting in this part of Bucks but a strong and popular Master with local interests. The fact that there are now foxes round Kimble, where there was none before, is a testimony to the work done. The rest of the country consists of plough and woodland, with streaks of grass here and there. There are huge stretches of woodland, almost amounting to forest, from Hampden to Amer-sham, and again on the Wycombe side. But these woods breed a stout race of foxes, and in some cases plenty of pheasants, and the coverts belonging to the Drake family at Shardeloes were examples of what can be done in the way of pheasant-rearing and fox-preserving. I believe that in the days of the "Captain" and Mr. Tyrwhitt Drake 1,500 brace could easily be shot in a season, and I do not think the coverts ever failed to give a fox when we were on that side of the country. I recollect, too, that in the days when Dan Jordan (now with Lord Tredegar) wore the yellow plush, there was a great deal of the old Bentinck blood in the kennels. They were a pack full of quality, very keen, rather light in bone, as all the Bentinck strains are liable to be, Lord Henry Bentinck not caring for bone as we do now. It must be interesting for Dawson to handle this pack after the Woodland Pytchley, which were themselves based on the same Bentinck strains as were in the Old Berkeley kennel. It was with the Old Berkeley that Mr. Austen Mackenzie began to breed hounds, bringing to the task that rare judgment which gave Vaulter to the Duke of Beaufort's kennels, and the forbears of the present beautiful Woodland Pytchley bitches to Mr. Wroughton. Mr. Leadbetter had been a dog-breeder

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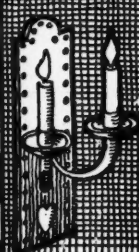
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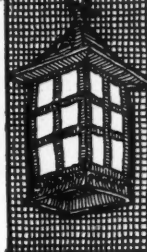
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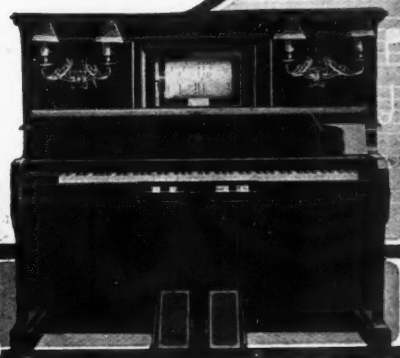
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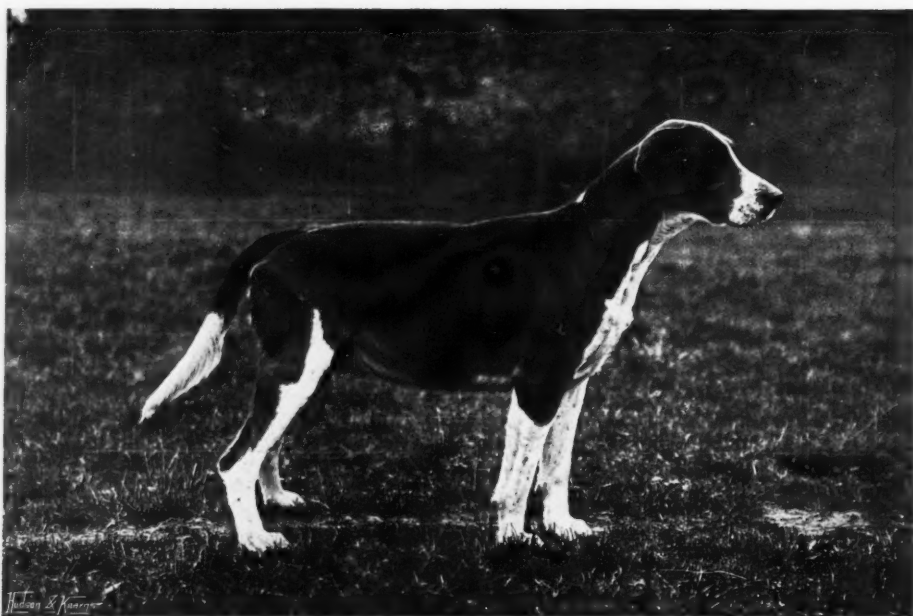
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before he took up hounds, and the lessons he learned have not been thrown away. No amount of description can speak so well as the pictures with which this article is illustrated. The Master has known his country all his life, and he succeeded to a pack which Colonel Gilbey had been improving to suit their work. In order to show sport in this country a pack must have plenty of hunt and lots of resolution and drive to push their foxes out of such places as Church Wood Hill Bottom, or the bad scenting coverts on the hill above Chequers Court. The hounds ought, too, to have plenty of music, or the field will spend half their time looking for them. It is easy to lose hounds even with the best endeavours in some of the Buckinghamshire beech woods. If I wished to hunt with these hounds I should pick out Princes Risborough as a good centre, as offering sport with the Bicester, Lord Rothschild's and the South Oxfordshire, as well as the Old Berkeley.

There are with this article some portraits of individual hounds typical of the pack. Generally speaking they seem, the bitches particularly, to have plenty of bone well carried down. The pick of the basket is, perhaps, Regent, by Belvoir Royal out of Guilty, a rich-coloured Belvoir tan hound full of power and quality. The judges at the Puppy Show—Sir Robert Wilmot, Frank Gillard and George Sheppard—put him first, and I can well imagine that his shape and type would catch the eye of the old Belvoir huntsman. Another hound that looks like being a huntsman's friend is Denmark. He is just the sort to take a stale line down a road or to speak to his fox when the beech leaves are rotting in the woods. The bitches look very fashionable, and in the group of three couple, the one on the left takes my fancy as just the hound for the country. But, indeed, I believe the Old Berkeley West never had a better pack than they have now. X.

RACING NOTES.

THE Anciente Fraternité of York Gimcracks" have celebrated within the last few days the 140th renewal of the annual dinner founded in memory of that game and honest race-horse Gimcrack. These gatherings have not infrequently served as an occasion for the expression of the opinion of a cabinet minister of the Turf, in the shape of a Steward of the Jockey Club, on some burning topic of the racing world, in addition to which the guest of the evening, the owner of the winner of the Gimcrack Stakes, has occasionally delivered himself of a speech in which the attention of the ruling authorities has been invited to matters concerning the welfare of owners, trainers and breeders of race-horses. On this, the most recent occasion, the Jockey Club had for its representative Lord Downe, than whom no one is better qualified to occupy the position of a Steward of that institution. If his lordship had, as he himself said, "no bombshell to explode," he had, at all events, matter of considerable interest upon which to discourse; and from what he said it is evident that the Stewards of the Jockey Club do intend to deal firmly with the manner in which races are ridden by some of our leading professional riders. Their intention thus avowed will be gladly welcomed by everyone who has the better interests of racing at heart, and few will be found to cavil at the general principles embodied in Lord Downe's remarks. When it comes to matters of detail, however, there may be some differences of opinion. In the course of his speech, he is reported to have said, referring to the riding of the jockeys:

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sentatives, who have, in the course of the thirty-one races they have won, amassed a total of £16,204. Spearmint has been a worthy son of Carbine, now twenty-one years old, to whose credit £16,040 stands as the fruit of the labours of thirteen of his offspring in twenty-two races. Gallant old Ayrshire, now in his twentieth year, has sixteen winners to represent him, and in their thirty-one successful races they have between them brought his winning balance up to £14,620. At thirteen years of age, Love Wisely shows signs of becoming a very successful sire, having to his credit eighteen winners, who between them have brought in a sum of £14,347 in thirty-one races. Isinglass, now sixteen years old, has a record for the year of eighteen winners and thirty-two races won, amounting to the value of £13,521. Marco, fourteen years of age, has done well this season, £13,486 being the total value of the twenty-four races won by fourteen animals begotten of his loins. Dinneford has rendered good service to his sire Dinna Forget, whose stock have in this, his fourteenth year, put together £12,346 in eleven races. Cyllene, eleven years old, has a winning total of £12,118 10s., and last to be included in the list of horses whose stock have won £10,000 and upwards in the course of the present season is Florizel II., fifteen years of age, who has been credited with £11,049 10s. Just outside this select circle stands Desmond, whose seventeen winning representatives have won just £9,910 in thirty-seven and a-half races. He is but ten years old, and so rapidly has he made his mark as a successful sire that a great future should be in store for him.

From a breeder's point of view, perhaps, even more interesting than the list of sires whose stock have won the largest sums of money, is



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In a hurdle race at Kempton Park last week.

enable a first-class jockey to avail himself of an "opening," would be at a discount. With regard to the horses themselves the brilliant burst of speed which enables a horse to clear his field and secure the best berth would no longer be of much avail, and the handiness round a turn, which often enables an animal to defeat a speedier but more awkward opponent, would become, comparatively speaking, useless. Still referring to the jockeys, Lord Downe concludes his speech by saying: "I give them fair warning, and if they continue to crowd each other on the rails some of our most distinguished jockeys will be suspended for a certainty. Several gentlemen who understand wholly the art of racing will agree it will not be a bad thing to observe either. Jockeys must be persuaded either by words, or, if not by words, by stronger measures, that they must keep their places." These are weighty words, and it is to be hoped that those for whom they are intended will pause and consider before they bring themselves into conflict with an authority which will not hesitate to act, and which will, moreover, have behind it the approval of, practically speaking, the whole racing community.

Resuming the statistics of the season where we left off last week, the subject nearest to hand is the list of the winning sires of the year, and the amounts won by their respective stock. The honours of first place have been accorded to Persimmon, who is now thirteen years old, and has placed to his credit £21,752, put together by sixteen of his stock in the thirty-one races they have won between them. Ladas has made a good fight for the championship, and is a good second with £19,866, representing the successful efforts of eleven horses in thirty-two races, and it will be noted that he is one year older than his conqueror. At twenty-two years of age Gallinule has worthily maintained his reputation, having had fourteen winning repre-

the statement which sets forth in their order of merit the stallions whose daughters have proved to be the leading brood mares of the year. In this connection it is of no little interest to note that included in both of these statistical tables are Ayrshire 8, from whose daughters have sprung fifteen winners, who have this year won stake money to the amount of £18,907 15s. St. Serf 8 has sixteen successful brood mares of the year to represent him, their offspring having won between them £18,907; and Gallinule 19 is represented by eighteen mares, whose produce has earned a total of £15,912. It is only too probable that as a sire St. Simon, who is now twenty-five years of age, will not again be represented by any young stock, but what a sire he has been, and of what inestimable value his descendants will be to the race of English thoroughbreds may be gathered from the fact that since his retirement to the stud he has begotten 268 winners, who have between them won some 488 races of a total value of £313,704, and that in this present season the amount won by the produce of thirty-three of his daughters is £36,644. But neither he nor any other stallion has ever, that I am aware of, come within measurable distance of Stockwell, who earned for himself the title of "Emperor of Stallions." The racing stock of this great horse were 429 in number; they won over 1,000 races, and were credited with a total of £353,741, an amount which, if it be taken into consideration that in those days there were no mammoth prizes to be won, and that the generality of stakes ruled much smaller than they do now, exceeds the amount won by St. Simon's stock by far more than the proportion indicated by the actual figures.

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It is not too much to say that the choosing of Christmas presents is a very heavy tax on body and mind at this time of year. One may know vaguely, more or less, what one wants, but one does not know where best to get it; and in few ways can a newspaper be so useful to its readers as in giving an epitome of the specialities at each of the great shops of the West End, so that they may know exactly where to go for the things they desire. With this laudable idea I "padded the hoof" from Dan to Beersheba last week, and learnt the entire futility of the Tenth Commandment, for I was steeped in covetousness all the time at the beauty and extraordinary variety of the things I saw. In these respects it would be difficult to equal the display in every department at Messrs. Shoolbred's in Tottenham Court Road. My personal tastes led me first to the furniture department, for there is nothing more attractive as a gift than a beautiful little bit of furniture which is both decorative and lasting. I found the ideal thing in many forms awaiting acquisition, notably the mahogany inlaid spirit-cabinet, with set of large and small tumblers, two decanters, and shelves for cigars, an excellently ornamental and useful object for a smoking-room or library; an oak round folding card-table, of which the legs fold absolutely flat, yet are quite firm when in use; a



SOME OF MESSRS. SHOOLBRED'S CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

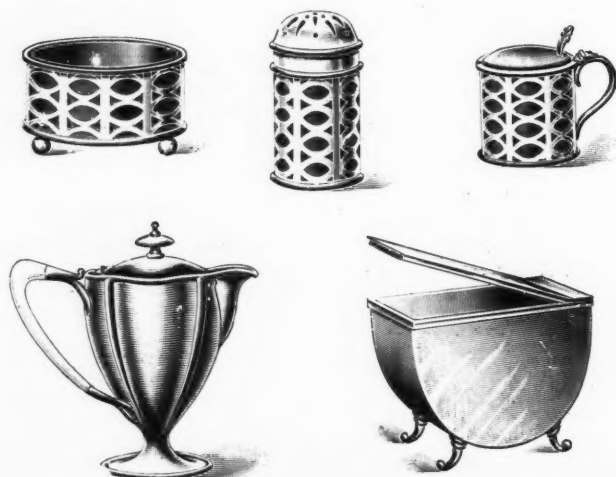
charming mahogany piano-seat, with a drawer for holding music; and a delightfully little mahogany reading-table, to stand over one's chair, with a rack at the back of the book-stand, which can be raised to any height, or shut down flat. This reading-table would delight the heart of any book-lover, male or female; and it would serve equally well for writing, as there is plenty of space at either side for papers, and the table is wide enough to go across any chair. Of greater importance are the beautiful pieces of satinwood furniture, made from antique designs; and most attractive are the lamps which switch on different colours—red, blue and white—through jewelled globes which have an Oriental beauty that is most effective. One with pearl flowers at the sides is really exquisite with the light shining through the iridescent petals. The furnished rooms, decorated in varying styles and periods, are a sight not to be missed at Messrs. Shoolbred's, for many ideas as to Christmas gifts will be suggested by a stroll therein. The fancy department brims over with every kind of novelty in silver and leather and hammered brass and nickel, among which special mention should be made of the silver-mounted "Bridge" box in crocodile leather, the handsome smoking set on a hammered brass tray, and the perpetual calendar in nickel, with thermometer and memorandum slate, all of which would make admirable and inexpensive presents. The toy department at Messrs. Shoolbred's is particularly well arranged, the boys' and girls' things being quite



FURNITURE AT MESSRS. SHOOLBRED'S.

separate. For the girls, naturally, dolls and their ways are chiefly considered. There is the beautiful doll that walks and talks; there are dolls' houses of all sizes and furnishings; wonderful teasetts which it would indeed be an honour to be asked to take one's tea out of; and, above all, most fascinating cooking ranges for real use, which should develop a love of cookery in the small girl most valuable in later years. For the boys the mechanical realistic toy is most in favour—wonderful trains, with real rails that fold up mysteriously; motor-cars of all kinds, worked with treadles or by clockwork; and a most admirable combination set of parlour games, containing the entire materials for playing all kinds of games which require little or no learning, and are specially suitable for schoolroom or nursery use. A department not to be missed by the gift-hunter is that of the tea-gowns and lingerie, which will fill the feminine mind with covetousness. The tea-gowns are particularly fascinating, for there is a wonderful selection of French models in crêpe de chine, lined or unlined, silk and velvet, all with beautiful work, and in finish and design showing most clearly their Parisian origin, which are remarkably inexpensive. Space fails me to describe more of the marvels at Messrs. Shoolbred's; but I have said enough to show that the gift-hunter will but have the embarrassment of choice at the great emporium in Tottenham Court Road.

This is to be a "white" winter, we are told; everything about us and our houses is to be white and silvery. Messrs. Elkington, therefore, have been wise in preparing an unusually charming selection of all manner of dainty objects in silver and plate for the decoration of our boudoirs and dining-rooms.




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What would Christmas be without the joy of choosing toys for the children? Something of the nature of "Hamlet, without the Prince of Denmark," I fancy. Fortunately, there is not much likelihood of toys being lacking while Messrs. Hamley Brothers, Limited, have the "European" Toy Warehouses

(512, Oxford Street, 202, Regent Street, 59, Knightsbridge, 29, Ludgate Hill, 35, New Oxford Street, and 86 and 87, High Holborn) ready stocked with every kind of novelty to rejoice the children's heart. One can imagine the round-eyed expression of joyous yet awe-struck incredulity of the little maiden who wakes on Christmas morning to see standing by her bedside the immense doll, nearly as tall as herself, with eyes that open and shut, and the most exquisite clothes that can be taken off and put on again at will. Perhaps she will also find awaiting her the "Ondine" swimming doll in a bathing dress, which adds another joy to the daily tub, into which she can accompany her small mistress, for, if wound up, she swims as correctly as Miss Kellerman herself. She could, indeed, be bathed alone in one of the charming real big doll-baths, with taps for the water to be drawn off, and a pail to stand underneath. The dolls' houses at Messrs. Hamley's are a wondrous sight, the climax being reached in a nine-roomed mansion, with water laid on in bath and kitchen. Dolls' trousseaux and the trunks to hold them abound; and a bit of one's affection goes out to the sweet baby dolls lying in baskets with all their dainty dressing things around them. The woolly animal which is the first love of every small child who has the chance of possessing one, is, of course, to be seen at its best at Messrs. Hamley's; and no one can wonder at this preference who handles the delightfully soft and cuddlesome rabbits and monkeys of white fur. No pleasanter bedfellow for a cold winter's night could be imagined. As regards other animals for daylight companionship and play, Messrs. Hamley have prepared quite a Zoo of these. Great elephants in grey plush, who nod their heads with a solemnity worthy of Lord Burleigh as they permit themselves to be drawn along on hidden casters; donkeys with panniers and without; horses covered in their natural skin that will respond to nursery grooming; cows which "moo" plaintively but decline to give milk; and, in fact, every kind of animal,

including rosy pigs, which fill the childish mind with the joy of affectionate familiarity. What small boy would not be enchanted with the mechanical puppy fox-terrier which runs and barks and turns its head as to the manner born, or the cannon with two hair-covered horses to draw the big solid gun-carriage, all of which take to pieces quite correctly. Another excellent wear-resisting toy is a strong wooden motor-

hansom to pull along, in which the dolls could be taken for an airing when their health required it. For quieter moments in the nursery there are all sorts of Kindergarten toys; and, in fact, the child that cannot be satisfied with the wonderful treasures to be found at Messrs. Hamley's must be classed as a small degenerate, undeserving of a visit from Santa Claus. And, indeed, the elderly Santa Claus on his (or her) purchasing expedition can, if he has a green heart, extract a quite surprising amount of amusement himself out of the inspection of these vast

battalions of toys. If he is able, let him take one of the little ones with him to "help choose," and he will be more than repaid by the incisiveness of the comments and the perspicuity with which the youngster makes his choice and his wishes apparent. Only it must be no hurried visit; the whole of one of these murky days is not too long, especially if time is desired for the lunch without which the day's work, however interesting, is apt to pall. When duty has thus been accomplished, Santa Claus can with a clear conscience think of his own desires, and no lover of antique furniture who finds himself, or herself, in Tottenham Court Road should fail to pay a visit to Messrs. Bartholomew and Fletcher's, 217 and 218 in that thoroughfare. Their collection of antiques is extraordinarily complete, and many are the exquisite bits which can be picked up there, which will make the most ravishing gifts for Yuletide. The illustration I give is of a wonderful old clock in marqueterie of the seventeenth century, which carries its history inside its door, as well as the name of the famous designer, Stanton. The golden brown shades of colouring of this clock are particularly beautiful, with the body of the clock in a lighter tone than the inlay. To go with this beautiful specimen are two fine marqueterie chairs copied from some in the South Kensington Museum. Among the wonderful

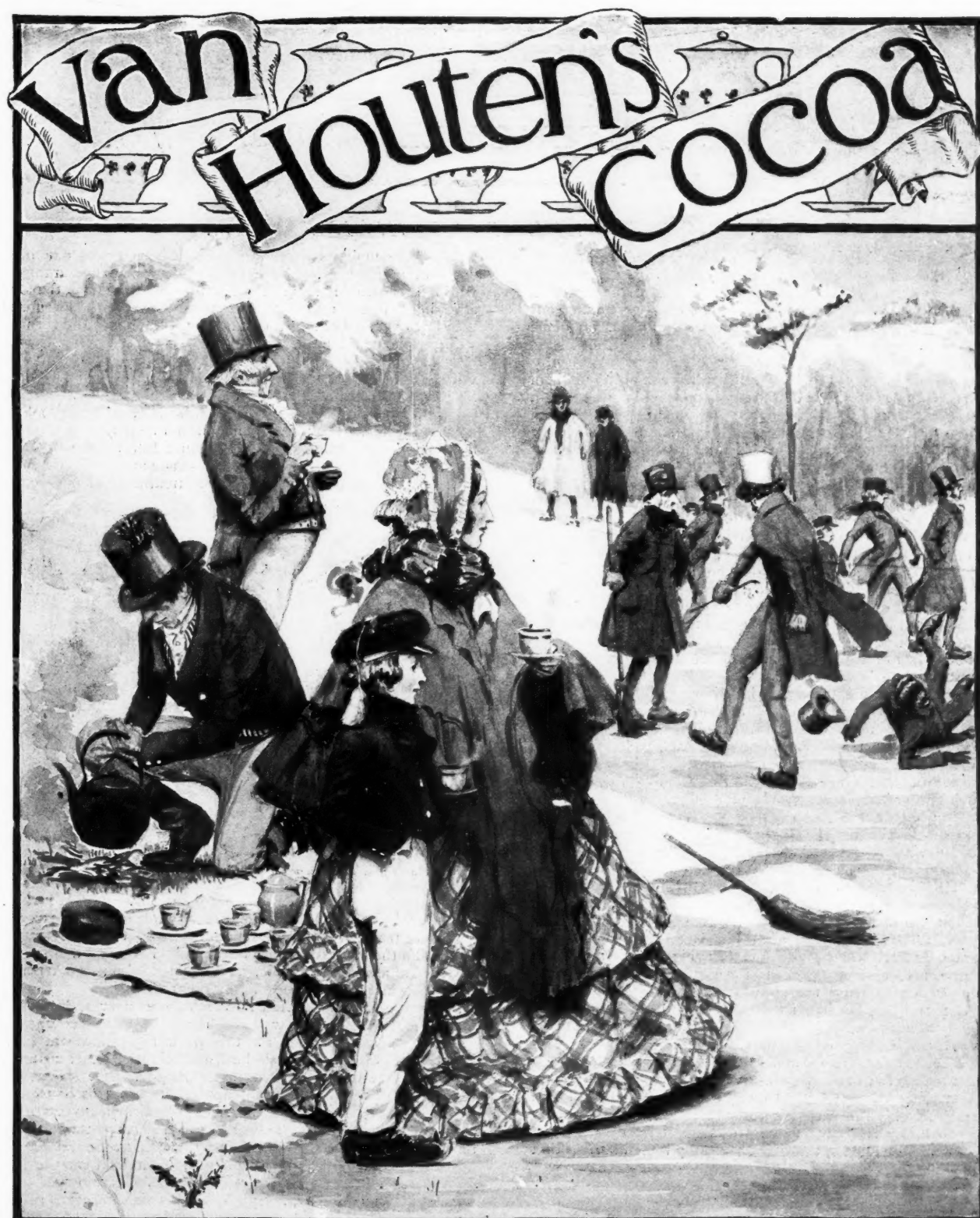
collection of antique furniture that Messrs. Bartholomew and Fletcher have brought together, are some beautiful complete sets of old chairs with the old worn seats, which their fortunate purchaser can have recovered to suit the room they are to adorn; and certainly nothing gives such a *cachet* of distinction to a room as a beautiful set of genuine old chairs. Dressers, settees, tallboys, chests of drawers of all kinds and sizes—every sort of antique furniture is represented in this beautiful collection, which is also supplemented by admirable modern reproductions for those who do not care to invest as much money as a genuine piece of antique furniture represents.



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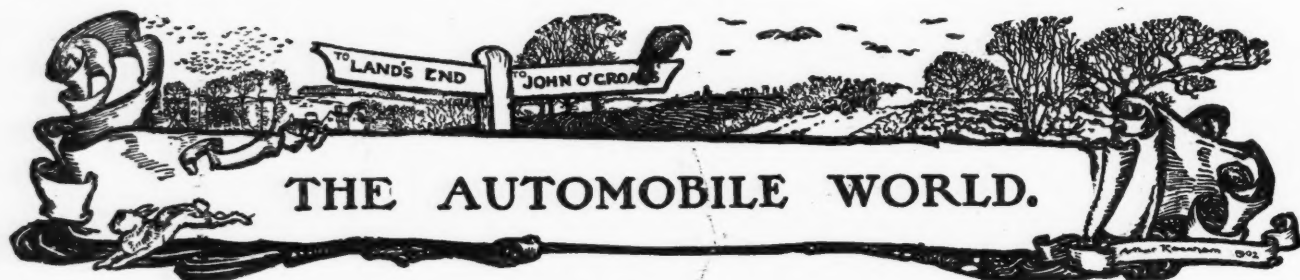
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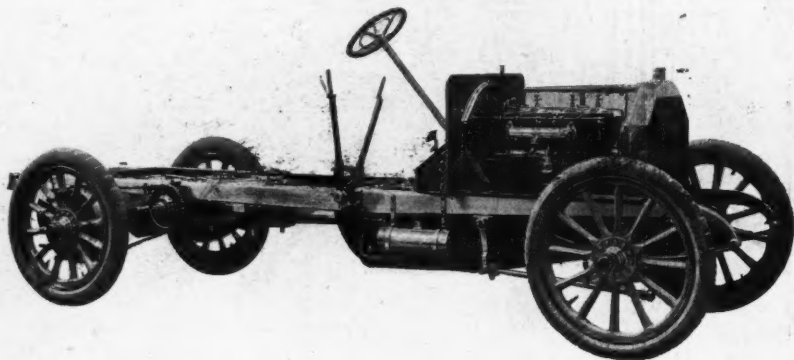


TO BRIGHTON AND BACK IN NOVEMBER.

BLACK CARE sits behind the horseman," as we know on the authority of the cheerful Horace; but she rarely finds a place in the tonneau of the motorist. Indeed, for the automobilist Care changes sex, colour and place. In Latin she was *atra*, black, feminine; for us he is blue, masculine; and he lurks unseen not in the tonneau, but behind hedges and stacks of faggots. With this abundantly cheerful expedition, however, he had no sort of connection. The exact date of the expedition shall not be stated, for the frank reasons that it is necessary to name precisely in a summons the exact date of an alleged offence, and that, if a car leaves Westminster Bridge at 11.15 a.m., reaches Brighton at 1 p.m., allows its occupants to lunch at their ease, takes them to Worthing, permits them to spend a little time there, and brings them back to London *via* Leatherhead by 7.15 p.m., two alternatives remain. Either that car has been miraculously converted into an aeroplane for part of the journey, or the legal limit has been exceeded on the road. The former alternative is unusual; the latter needs no defence morally, because it is now conceded on all hands that to drive fast is not to sin, except against the law, while to drive dangerously is to be guilty of brutal disregard of the safety of one's fellow-men.

On a mild morning, then, in late November, three persons foregathered at the Fiat Motors Garage in Long Acre intent on a journey to Brighton and Worthing and back within the day, and with them, unseen and unknown, was the chiel taking notes, "and faith he'll prent 'em" now. First let us name Mr. D'Arcy Baker, the genial and businesslike man whom Wellington College and Trinity Cambridge nurtured, to become in time the managing director of the London branch of F.I.A.T., the famous Italian firm, which Englishmen have shortened into the single word "Fiat," to be pronounced according to fancy. Next to be mentioned is Captain Orr-Ewing, fresh from his victory with Spate in the "Manchester November," the last big handicap of the season; owner, too, of the fastest sprinter of the year, and intent on seeing that day the stables at Worthing in which he proposes to train his horses for the future. Last, but by no means least, and about to preside at the wheel, comes the Italian driver Cedrino, little known to fame in England, but, as his achievements in the principal races in America for the Fiat Company have shown, likely to achieve world-wide reputation before long. Before starting these practical motorists, or some of them, examined not only the car which was to convey them, but also the 14-16 h.p. chassis which has been specially designed for town work. Meanwhile, the chiel, suddenly remembering that

Long Acre took its name originally when it was one man's share of ploughland, fell to thinking how mad and strange a world this would seem to that first owner of the long acre if he could return to the plot over which he goaded the slow oxen, could see it covered with buildings and thronged with people, could hear three of those people discussing where they should dine after travelling 130 miles or so in a weird vehicle, having no horses attached to it, and no apparatus visible for the attachment of horses. The poor man would, doubtless, think they had taken leave of their senses, until he saw the horseless vehicle start; and then he would be perfectly convinced that his own brain had gone. He would feel like the Irishman, by no means of fable, who drove post-haste and in deadly fear to his medical man one day, asking for treatment at once on the

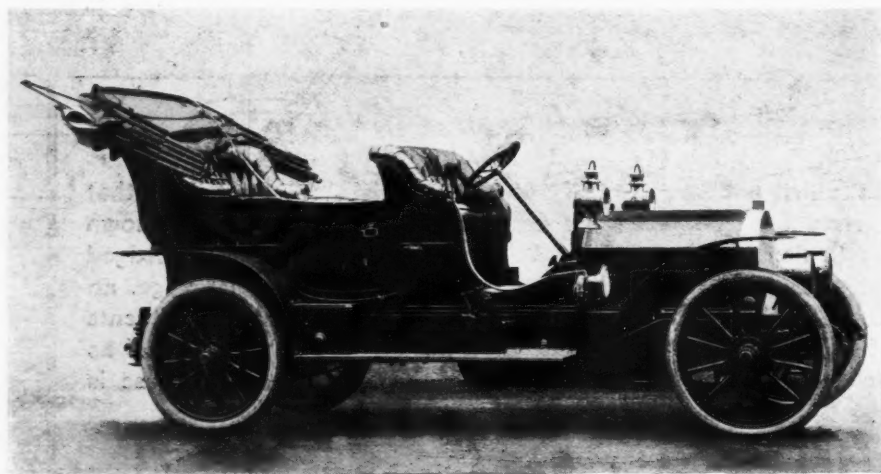


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ground that he was suffering from delusions. "Ah! doctor!" he said, "I assure ye I seemed to see with my own eyes a train go clean through the end of Harcourt Street Station, shoot into the air, and fall to the ground beneath." It was no delusion, for an Irish train had done this, and had leaped out of a terminus station which is elevated in mid-air on arches.

The chiel, however, felt no shock to his nerves, did not feel as if anything out of the way had happened, when the powerful 30-40 h.p. car set aside for this little trip glided out of the garage, with Cedrino at the wheel, and laid its course, under Mr. Baker's directions, for Westminster Bridge. Mr. Baker, as of course, is himself a more than capable driver of motor-cars, but there are few men who, having once been driven by Cedrino on a Fiat, would care to take the wheel while he sat without occupation, for in the matters of slipping through traffic dexterously, and of getting out of a Fiat car the finest possible performance, Cedrino has few, if any, equals. This is so even in this country, in spite of an instinct, developed in Italy and in America, which prompts him to swerve to the right where our rule of the road prescribes that he should choose the left; and to be driven by him in lands where his instinct and the rule of the road coincide would be sheer delight, so absolute is his sympathy with the engine, so matchless is his power of inducing it to show not only its best, but also its easiest paces. (Here please note that this makes a vast difference, and that to form a true judgment upon the sweetness of running of a car it is absolutely necessary to try that car when it is in the hands of a really accomplished driver. Many a sound car has suffered unjustly in reputation from neglect of this rule.) As for the early part of the route, all the world knows it. Our travellers joined the London and Croydon



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road (which runs over London Bridge) at Kennington, and they went on to Croydon—only 7½ miles from Kennington, after all—and through Croydon itself, before the road began to grow in any way interesting. Suburbs must exist, but they are dull. At Croydon, however, there were objects to which motorists could direct a passing glance—the parish church and the old palace of the Archbishops of Canterbury, once a bleaching factory. Then hilly country began, and the chalk was under all things, causing difficulty to road-makers and liable to bring side-slip to motorists; but Surrey roads are not half bad, and the going, without dust, with plenty of ups and downs in it to break the monotony, and the trees shedding their last leaves, and the air soft and mellow for the time of year, was extremely pleasant. Incident there was none of an unpleasant nature to record, and that is the best of motoring in these days from the motorist's point of view, and the worst of it from a writer's standpoint. The chiel has covered many thousands of miles with the help of petrol and steam this year, but once only has he met mechanical trouble of any kind. Then it was merely a bent radius rod, which a blacksmith could have set right in a few minutes; but one cannot reasonably expect the blacksmith's shop to be open at Dunchurch at 4 a.m. on a Sunday morning. Nor is there any justification for going into elaborate description of the direct Brighton Road, how to find and how to keep it. You go right on to Merstham, connected with the murder, if murder it was, which is fresh in mind; connected also, as probably few save his friends recollect, with memories of "Henry Seton Merriman," cut off in his prime, whom the chiel used to visit in a house which he occupied there in a dimple of the chalk hills. So on to Redhill our travellers sped, and to those who do not remember the road, one of the first upon which infant motors were tried in 1895, any contour map will show that there are hills, and plenty of them, which would have caused abundant trouble a few years ago; but there is none of them found worthy to claim special mention in the *Car* roadbook, which the chiel has found excellent for practical use, as having a gradient of 1 in 15 or worse. Hard by Three Bridges Station there was a moment when the bonnet of the car was in Sussex and the tonneau in Surrey, and the next few miles, to Crawley and Handcross, the scene of the frightful omnibus accident last summer, were through a part of Sussex, green, well wooded, full of undulating variety, which is of passing loveliness at every season of the year. Our travellers, of course, negotiated the descent of Handcross Hill with ease and care, remarking, as they passed the scene of disaster, that it was no place for a motor-omnibus.

Hazeldean, Hickstead and Preston were soon passed—the noble undulations of the South Downs had towered in front for many a mile—and at one o'clock three hungry men in a motor drew up outside the Royal York Hotel at Brighton, having travelled as nearly as might be fifty miles since 11.15 a.m. A miracle worker in arithmetic could not make twenty miles an hour or under out of this, but the chiel dare be sworn that the driving was marked by the utmost consideration for man and beast, and that is what really matters. Luncheon over, our travellers turned westward, following the coast closely, for Hove, Shoreham, Lancing and Worthing, obtaining a grand view of the sea and of the Downs, and near Worthing they made full inspection of those stables belonging to Mr. Saunders Davies,

with their perfect galloping ground upon the adjacent Downs, in which Captain Orr-Ewing's horses are to be trained in future and then turned homeward for London. The road goes over West Grinstead, Billingshurst, a pretty village with an industry of its own (that of splitting hazel rods for coopering tea-chests), to Horsham. A little further on, remembering, like the river Arun, that love is of the valley, it makes for Dorking in the most modest fashion, but the commanding hills beside, Leith Hill in particular, give rare charm to the view. So on they fared to Leatherhead, where they crossed the river Mole, and home *via* Epsom, Ewell, Sutton, Merton and Clapham to London, which, as already stated, was reached at 7.15 p.m. What was the distance from Brighton to London this way? Well, roughly speaking, perhaps seventy miles, but the beauty of modern motoring is that one need not be "particular to a handful of miles." It was a good performance for the car, no more, and that one can write this in cold blood is, perhaps, the most convincing testimony conceivable of the huge advances motoring has made in these recent years. To breakfast in London, start in a leisurely way at a quarter-past eleven, lunch at Brighton, go easily to Worthing, spend some time there, and come back by way of Leatherhead, arriving in good time to dress for dinner, is regarded as, and is, quite an ordinary proceeding; and there are a dozen types of car in which it could be done, but the chiel would as soon do it in a Fiat as in any one of them, having great faith in the Mercédès design, which is the soul and essence of the Fiat, and even more faith in the craftsmanship of those Italian mechanics who make the Fiat cars what they are. For his own part, too, the chiel is passing fond of winter motoring, unless the weather be very cold indeed. It is true the liability to side-slip is somewhat greater than in summer, but there are many compensations.

THE BERLIET MOTOR-CAR.

ONE of the first factories to be established for the construction of motor-cars in Lyons, the principal manufacturing town of France, was that of M. Berliet, who some six years ago introduced at the Paris Salon a car which

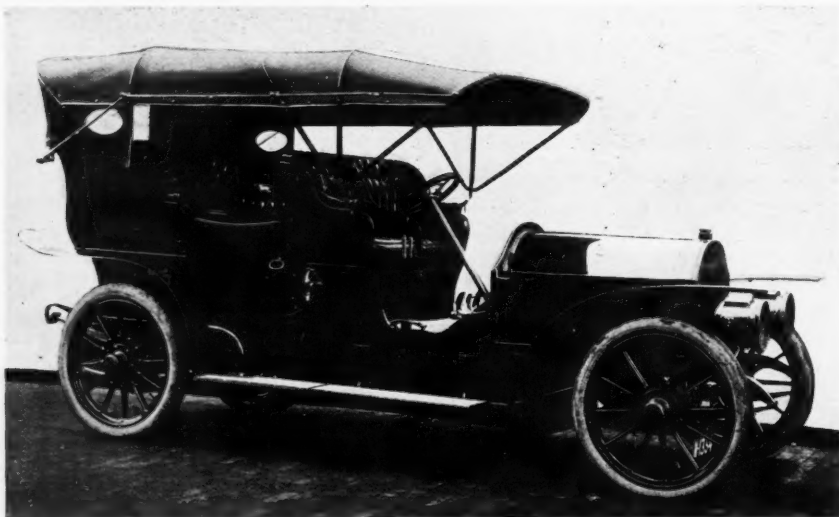


22 H.P. BERLIET.

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closely followed the lines of the Panhard. Two years after, however, he completely altered his design by copying the Mercédès, which had then sprung into the front rank and was acknowledged the leading car. For some years the output at the Berliet Works was small, and the whole of the cars were sold round about Lyons and the South of France. Their great reliability and simplicity quickly won for them a name, which necessitated a great increase in the size of the works, which increase has been continually going on, until at the present day the works are certainly the most up-to-date, if not nearly the largest, in France, their capacity being an output of 1,000 chassis per annum.

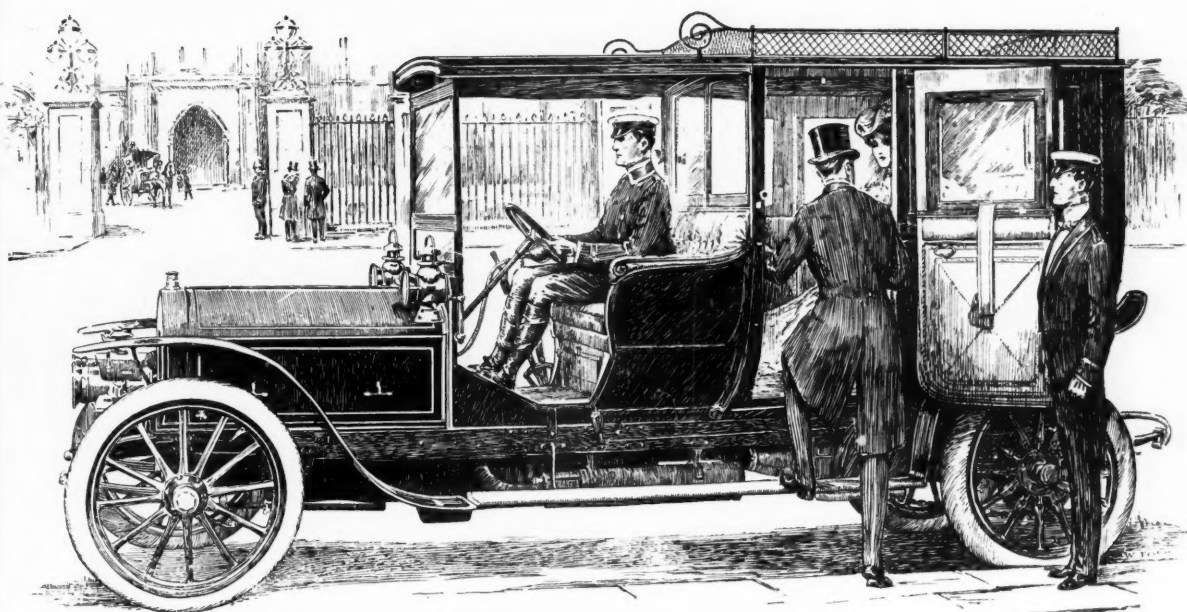
While M. Berliet in the first instance copied what was acknowledged to be the best car on the market, he has not been content to remain a copyist, and the new 1907 model chassis, which will be exhibited at the Paris Salon, will show the motor world that he has gone greatly ahead and made several radical improvements to his cars. The new gear-box, which gives direct drive on the third and fourth speeds by means of a most simple arrangement, is in itself a very considerable advance on all existing types of gear-box. The advantage of the direct drive every motorist is fully aware of, and the silence and great increase



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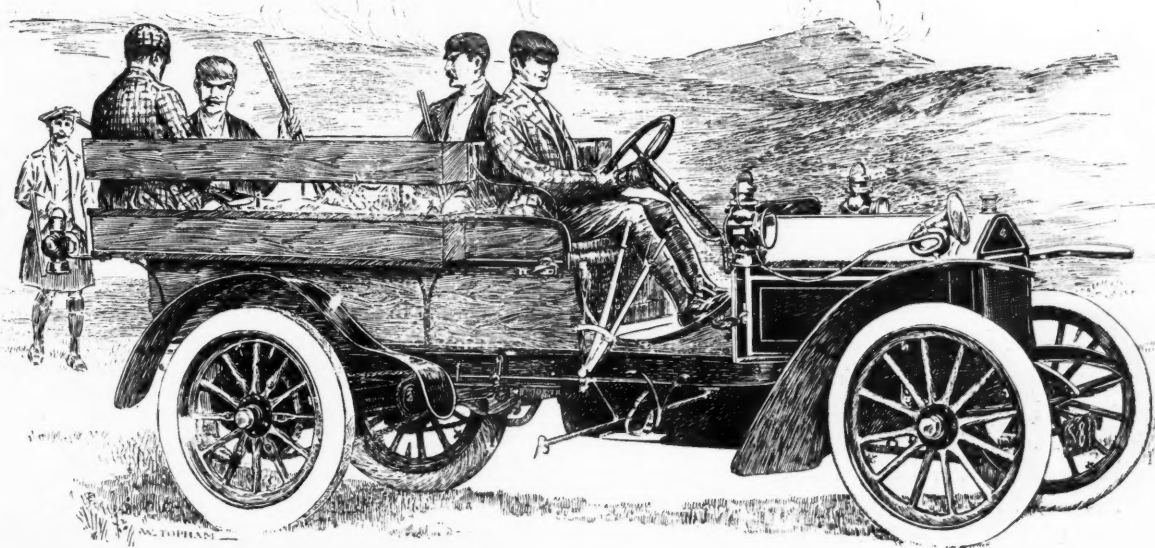
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The remarkable feature of the Berliet chassis is its great simplicity and "cleanness" of design. Devoid of all complications, the chassis has proved itself time and again to be one of the most reliable on the market. All users of Berliet cars admit that they have no stops from mechanical causes; the Berliet car is hardly ever in the repair shops. To three causes must be assigned this excellence of reliability—fine workmanship, great simplicity of design, and, above all, the admirable material employed. The driving-shafts of a Berliet chassis are a good deal lighter than those of any other car on the market, yet they are never known to break or twist. The chassis are also extraordinarily light compared with those of other makes, and to the special light 40 h.p. chassis much attention will be directed in the Paris

Salon. This chassis, though fitted with a motor capable of developing some 48 b.h.p., weighs but 16cwt., and is sufficiently long to accommodate a comfortable side-entrance body. This reduction of weight effects an enormous saving in the cost of running, especially as regards tyres and petrol, the normal consumption of the latter being 1gal. for every eighteen miles. The Berliet 40 h.p. car is, however, made in heavier types, fitted with very long chassis, specially designed to accommodate large limousine bodies.

A new model which will be shown at the Paris Salon is the 60 h.p. six-cylinder. The motor is capable of developing 68 h.p. on the brake, and is fitted with a long chassis suitable for a large touring body or limousine. Unlike the whole of the other Berliet models, the six-cylinder engine is fitted with high-tension magneto ignition. This has been found preferable to the low-tension system, owing to the difficulty in timing the low-tension ignition on six-cylinder motors. The 22 h.p. is one of M. Berliet's most successful models, and it will be fresh in the minds of motorists what remarkable performances two of these little cars made in the recent Tourist Trophy Race in the Isle of Man. The Berliet which finished second was in every particular identical with the cars supplied to the public, and was in no way specially prepared for the race. It was in effect a standard touring car, fitted with a comfortable side-entrance touring body, and even then, on the difficult and dangerous course in the Isle of Man, the car maintained an average speed of over thirty-five miles an hour for some five hours. Few British motorists will forget the universal sympathy with which Mr. J. Ernest Hutton, the chivalrous driver of the other Berliet car, was received when he walked in at the finish, announcing that he had run out of petrol 50yds. from the post on the last round. He is the English agent for the cars.

Turning from the standard touring car, the attention of visitors will be greatly attracted by the new special model of town carriage introduced by M. Berliet, the chassis of which is dropped very much in the centre, rendering the entrance to the car delightfully easy for ladies or decrepit old gentlemen. Very careful attention has also been paid on these town chassis to the suspension, which is beautifully easy and sweet, road vibration being reduced to a minimum. These town carriages are fitted with motors of either 22 h.p. type or those of a new model 14 h.p. A description of the Berliet car would be incomplete without reference to the extraordinary consumption record set up in the early part of this year by M. Bablot, the well-known driver,

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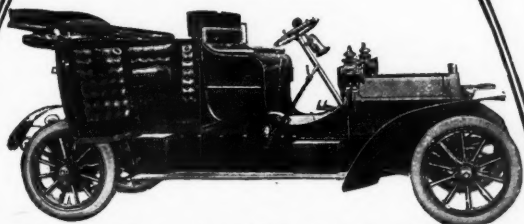
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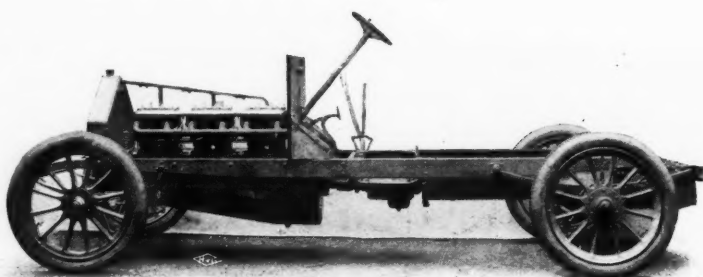
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CARS AT THE STANLEY SHOW.

NOT many motor-cars were exhibited at the Stanley Show, but they included two or three interesting vehicles. The most noteworthy of these was the Florentia, an Italian car, previously made under a Rochet-Schneider licence, and sold in this country by the agents of the last-named car. This arrangement, however, has been terminated, while the car has been redesigned, and it is now in the hands of Messrs. M. De Brou and Co. Two chassis were shown, one of 18—24 h.p. and the other of 40—50 h.p. respectively. The smaller car has a live-axle drive, and the ignition is by high-tension magneto of the Simms-Bosch type, without any advance or retard, the engine speed being varied by the throttle alone. In the case of the 40—50 h.p. motor, however, the cylinders of which have 140m.m. bore by 160m.m. stroke, Simms-Bosch low-tension magneto is fitted, and can be advanced or retarded at will, the lever for effecting this being placed on the dashboard, but with a very long arm, so that it is well within the reach of the driver. The frame of this car is pressed solid out of a single piece of steel. In contrast to the smaller pattern the transmission is by chains. The water-cooling arrangements are unusually ample, for, in addition to a honeycomb radiator and fan, there is triple circulation round the cylinders, a pipe running alongside both the exhaust valves and the inlet valves, which are on opposite sides of the motor, in addition to the usual pipes over the tops of the cylinders. An interesting small car was the 8—9 h.p. Laurin and Klement, an

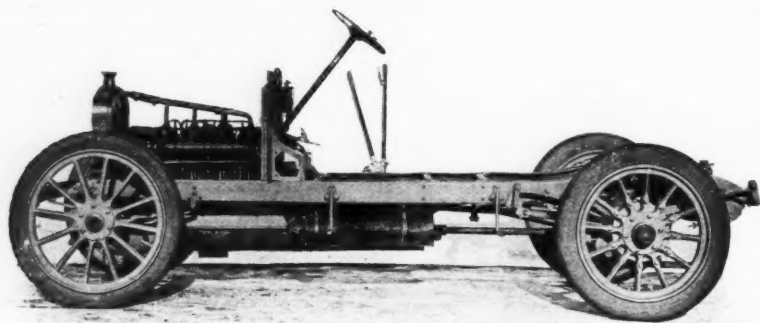


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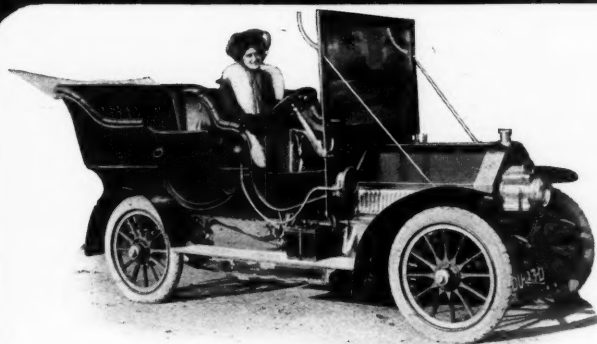
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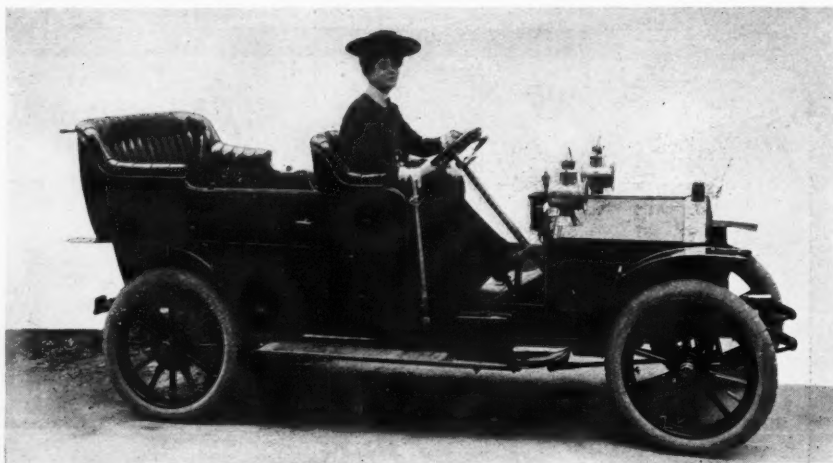
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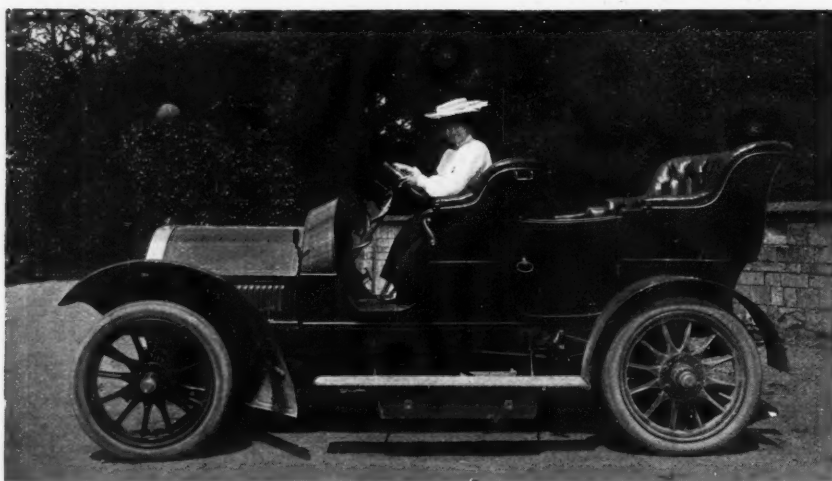
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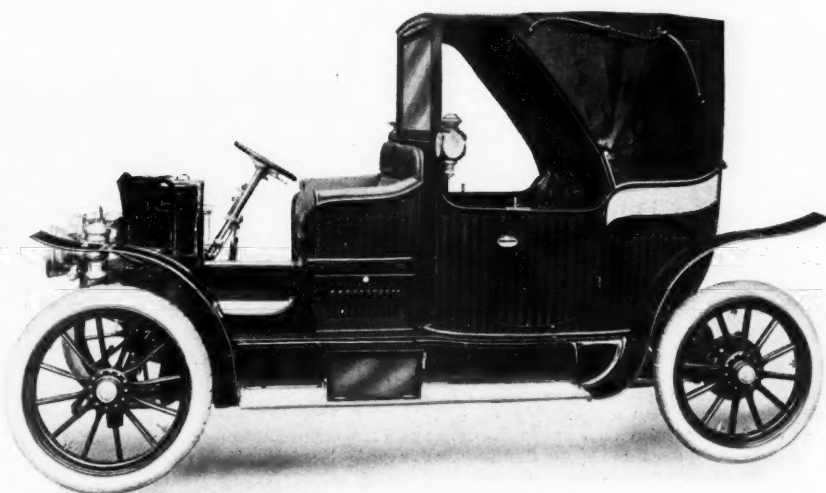
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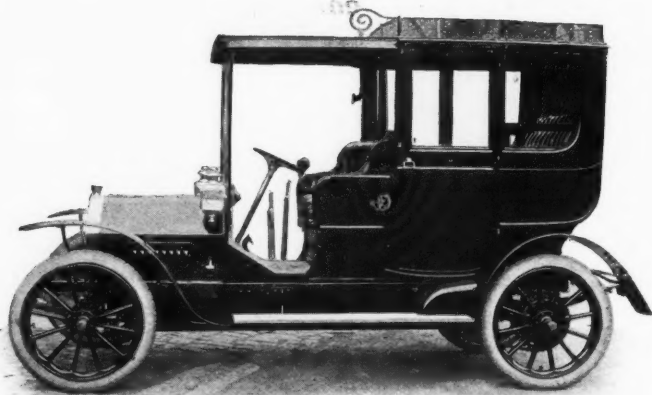
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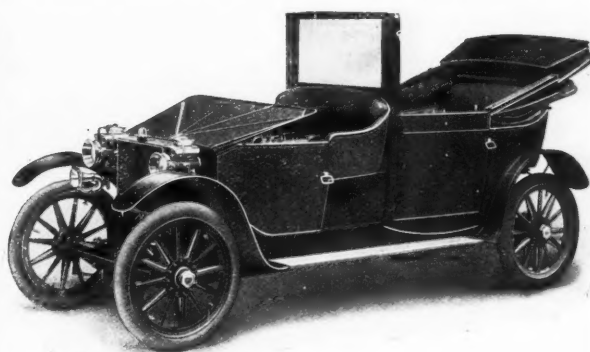
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country which is not mountain, and very rugged mountain at that, is water; and how large is the scale of the mountainous scenery may be gauged from the fact that no map save one on a very large scale takes any notice of these plainly considerable elevations. In fact, the scenery, although it is all of the kind which disgusted and appalled Dr. Samuel Johnson, is, in our modern opinion, divine. Nor need the motorist hesitate to avail himself of such rights of way as he can discover, lest he should spoil the sport in the deer forests. Tenants or owners of deer forests would rather have him in his car than the most insignificant of pedestrians, for, whereas a man on a walking tour may, with the most innocent intentions, "wind-drive" a whole beat and completely alter the distribution of the deer, it is the strange fact that these wildest of our British fauna ignore the presence of a motor-car. But the ferries, and they are numerous, are an adventurous and ticklish business. Problem the first is to coax the car with nice exactitude down the jetty, wet and slippery with sea-slime. Having been induced to go thus far, the car must be rolled precisely so that its wheels shall rest on the planks provided in a craft built for very different needs, a vessel, indeed, so primitive in form that its lines are clearly those of centuries ago. Then, loaded with a vehicle weighing a ton, more or less, the hulk must be propelled across the narrow strait by oarsmen badly cramped for room, wielding huge oars, working most likely on a single iron pin; and that is seldom an easy job, for sometimes it blows hard up the loch, and almost always the tide runs fast and strong through that confined gateway of the waters. That it is doing so in this instance is plain to see, and this means steering out of the direct course in order to make the appointed landing-place, heading up tide sometimes, and at others taking advantage of every little back eddy. In fact, the ferry-men are not too well paid by a fee of half a sovereign, for much hard labour at the oar and watermanship go to the accomplishment of their task. And this kind of motoring is well worth doing, for it is different from any other kind, and it is in the midst of scenery and of air which cannot be matched.

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(November 17th) from *Les Sports*, which is very damaging to the British automobile industry, and in order to put a stop to the quite erroneous impressions which a number of interested journals and persons are always trying their best to enforce on the public, we hereby challenge *Les Sports* to produce from among the leading French automobile manufacturers' exhibits at the Salon a four-cylinder automobile which is a better example of good mechanical designing than the 18—24 h.p. chassis we are exhibiting at the Olympia Exhibition. We append herewith a *résumé* of the points which we consider should be embraced in the conditions of this proposed contest, and in order to prevent any misunderstanding as to the reason of our making this challenge, we would point out that we have already sold all the cars we can produce for next season. We are prepared to go to the expense, if considered necessary by the judges, of sending our chassis to Paris to be examined. For the Austin Motor Company, Limited.—H. AUSTIN, Governing Director."

Résumé of points to be embraced in the proposed contest: 1. To be limited to four-cylinder automobiles. 2. Freak ideas or novelties not to count as advantageous. 3. Cars to be judged for their mechanical design for the work each part has to do in carrying out its particular function as a part of an automobile. 4. Judges to be three members each of the French and British Automobile Clubs, with a president drawn by ballot from among several names of prominent English and French engineers, preferably members of the two clubs. 5. Each side to put up a stake of £250, the winnings to be handed over to charities. If we win, we to pay to French charities, and *vice versa*.

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We are asked to draw attention to the advantages offered by the life membership scheme of the Motor Union, and we do so in the official language: "An increasing number of distinguished automobilists are associating themselves with the Motor Union in this way. We notice that at the last meeting of the committee of the union among those elected life members were Sir Alfred M. Watkin, Bart., J.P., D.L., Mr. T. D. Grimke-Drayton, J.P., and Mr. N. A. Heywood. Sir Alfred Watkin was already included in the union's list of members by reason of his membership of the A.C.G.B.I. and the Kent A.C., but he and quite a number of other motorists who appreciate the work that the Motor Union is doing desired to identify themselves with it more closely than by affiliated membership, while at the same time retaining their connection with the affiliated bodies. Sir George Livesey may be mentioned as another instance illustrating this desire, for, although a member of one of the affiliated clubs, he expressed to the union his desire to have the more direct connection that life membership offered. Election by the general committee is necessary in the case of life members, and at the present time the subscription is fixed at the comparatively small sum of 10 guineas. Those who desire to become life members should communicate with the secretary at 1, Albemarle Street, London, W."

ITEMS.

It is with great pleasure that we give a representation of a Beeston Humber in this issue. As to the volume of business done at Olympia there

may be room for question; but there can be no doubt at all that the Humber firm did extraordinarily well in spite of the disadvantage of a stand in the annexe. It was not, however, a very serious disadvantage, for, during the show, it was a frequent experience to find visitors who had sought in the annexe refuge from the thoroughly unbearable atmosphere of the main building.

Elsewhere we show a print of a new Daimler, and so remarkable has been the success of the Coventry house that we give a curtailed list of some of its most recent and distinguished patrons. It contains the names of the Duke of Buccleuch, Lord Hylton, Sir Henry Yorke, K.C.B., Sir Philip Waterlow, Bart., Lord Davey, Sir Cuthbert Quilter, Lord Burton and some twenty others.

Among many points in the Olympia Exhibition which failed to attract their due share of notice was the change-speed gear of the Straker Squire chassis. Expert engineers are of opinion that this will meet one of the principal disadvantages to which ordinary change-speed gear is liable, and will do away with all jarring. The Straker Squire is to be reckoned as one of the very best new cars of the year, partly, perhaps, because it is not a new car really, but the Corneille St. Beuve with improvements.

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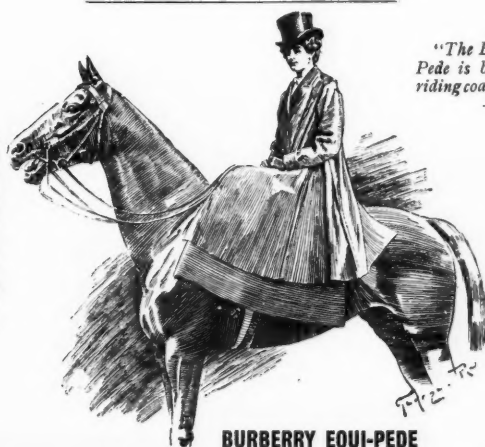
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THE WAR OFFICE MINIATURE CADET RIFLE.

THE recent development by the War Department of a rifle having characteristics especially devised for preliminary instruction, marks an era in the evolution of the idea of marksmanship; it is, however, a subject for remark that the use of a diminutive adjective as a designation of this type of rifle greatly retards appreciation of its character and purpose. Civilian riflemen have demonstrated that the enormous amount of practice, the cheap ammunition and the charming sport of shooting which low-power rifles induce, lead to a greater development of the personal faculties concerned, in aiming and discharging, than is possible when practice is limited by the cost and difficulties incidental to the use of military weapons. Subsequent study of the effect of wind and other factors appertaining to long distance becomes much less difficult when free from the element of uncertainty which arises through insufficient skill in the fundamental principles. Moreover, the expert miniaturist is, from the first, unaffected by the recoil of military charges. The office of the cartridge in the first stages of instruction being but to indicate by means of the resulting hit the accuracy with which the fundamental principles have been exercised, energy and striking power are not necessary, and by reducing these to a minimum consistent with accuracy, the range and cost of ammunition difficulties are lessened. It is tolerably certain that for the civilian rifleman in most parts of Great Britain there exists no alternative between low-power short-range practice and no shooting at all. Before proceeding to describe the War Office instruction rifle, it is our purpose to discuss how far it is likely to meet the requirements of the civilian rifle clubs, for whom it is primarily intended. In this connection it will be necessary to review the respective policies of the National Rifle Association and the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs, the two organisations concerned in the future welfare of the movement. The predominating military influence upon the Council of the N.R.A. naturally regards marksmanship with the Service rifle as the prime object for encouragement, and the Service rifle itself as the orthodox medium of instruction. Its system of encouragement has, in the main, confined itself to the promotion of a great annual rifle meeting, at which the Service arm is used in marksmanship contests of a nature which indicates the degree of ability acquired under those conditions which usually obtain in the military system of instruction and practice, but lack the remotest semblance to the conditions under which the rifle is used in war. As a result, skill under Bisley conditions has come to be regarded as the *no plus ultra* of marksmanship, and predetermined distance, stationary target-shooting, as the end of instruction, rather than the means. Duty and compulsion, the soldier's incentives to shoot, are lacking in the case of the civilian, who demands something in the nature of recreative sport as an inducement. And the military system of shooting, though open to him for forty-five years, has entirely failed to attract.

The Civilian Rifle Club movement in England is a nineteenth century creation which does not owe its inception to the N.R.A. Civilian rifle clubs


have existed on the Continent for at least three centuries, and for a considerable period in America. Long experience has developed a rifle and style of shooting which differ in some features from what is considered military; nevertheless, it furnished the essential element, attractiveness, promoted investigation into rifle problems, encouraged the development of rifles, and, above all, succeeded in maintaining the popularity of rifle-shooting among civilians for hundreds of years. Some statistics relating to the Bundesfest at Munich last July, where the gathering of civilian riflemen from every country (England excepted) largely exceeded the total of both military and civilians in any year at Bisley, will afford some confirmation of this. The receipts for shooting alone amounted to over £22,500, and 270,000 spectators visited the range. At Zurich, in August, civilians and military competed side by side for a prize-list aggregating over £8,000, and those who preferred to use the Swiss Service arm were conceded the advantage of the prone position, users of other rifles shooting kneeling.

As the means of teaching marksmanship, it has never been suggested, outside the N.R.A., that the methods of foreign rifle clubs are any less successful than our military system, or that foreign civilian riflemen are any less skilful than the British product. From its inception (probably, in consequence of the success of the Swiss riflemen at the first Wimbledon Meeting) the N.R.A. stigmatised these civilian methods as "unmilitary," and established restrictive conditions which suppressed them in England, so that for forty-five years, shooting with the Service rifle only, has received any practical encouragement. As a direct consequence rifles, except for game-shooting, mostly abroad, are no longer made, while experimental investigation and the progressive development of rifles and sights have become entirely extinct in Great Britain. Where any encouragement has been extended to the development of improvements, it has invariably been accompanied by restrictive conditions which limited the scope of the inventor and led to no practical result.

More appreciative of the peculiar circumstances appertaining to the civilian movement, the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs, on the other hand, adopted a liberal non-restrictive policy, which imposed no limits upon the type of rifle, sights or ammunition, beyond one of energy in the cartridge, consistent with a special object of encouraging the use of low-power rifles. But it is regarded by the N.R.A. as a rival, and its affiliated clubs as "not approved" for its recent competitions in London, notwithstanding that this society enjoys precisely the same official Government recognition, and is prosecuting identical objects. Many civilian clubs, availing themselves of the liberty accorded by the society, adopted the '22 calibre rifle, in some cases with aperture sights, in place of military weapons. Rifle-makers rose to the occasion and endeavoured to cater for a demand which bade fair to impart new life to their industry. Clubs which adopted the new methods attained remarkable success, mainly because the acquirement of skill with aperture-sighted rifles is easier and more rapid; early success begets enthusiasm—

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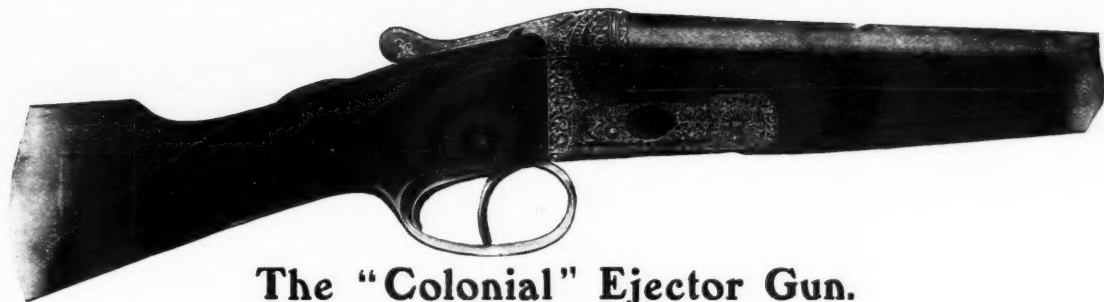
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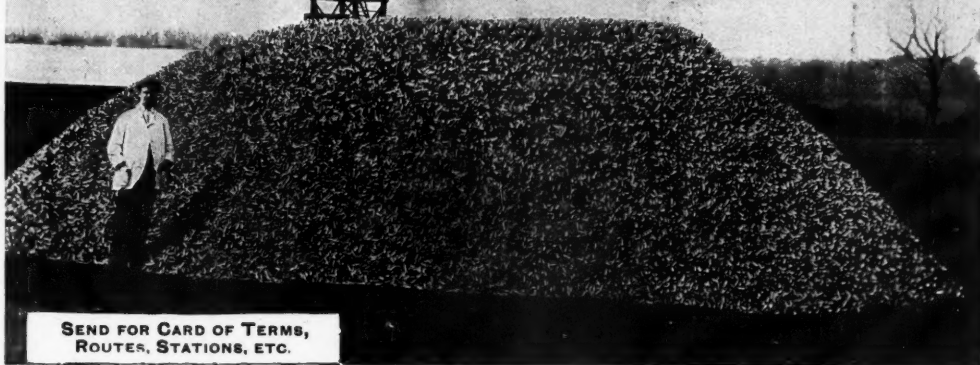
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the essential ingredient of the successful club. In spite of this, the '22 calibre rifle remained without encouragement from the N.R.A., and aperture sights were especially barred from nearly every competition, although the present British Service arm is equipped with one. Several low-power ammunition meetings have been promoted by the N.R.A., in which the contests have been restricted to Service rifles with reduced charges. In these the claims of the great majority of civilian riflemen who use '22 calibre rifles, taking the lowest power cartridges, have been ignored. Following the official recognition of the merits of the '22 calibre rifle by the development of one by the War Office, recognition which, by the way, it owes entirely to the civilian rifle clubs which introduced it, the N.R.A. has now admitted this official production upon equal terms with the Service rifle, and barred all others, though hundreds of its affiliated clubs are already equipped with most excellent '22 calibre rifles of non-official makes. The civilian rifleman does not welcome the War Office rifle with open arms; on the contrary, the leading clubs have expressed most emphatic protests concerning what is regarded as an attempt to coerce them into adopting it. From their point of view the military system of teaching marksmanship, after forty-five years' trial, has failed to establish any claim to perfection. The oft-repeated argument that the instruction rifle must of necessity be as like the military weapon as possible is regarded as an unproven assertion based upon a very low estimate of human genius, which credits it only with ability to shoot with the rifle it learns with. While this may be the case with those who make the assertion, it does scant justice to the proven capabilities of civilians. There are, indeed, many who further maintain that, in consequence of the optical imperfections of their sights, rifles of the military type are particularly unsuitable for instructional purposes, quoting in support of this contention an eminent military authority, Captain Herschel Tupes of the United States Army. The American Service arm is equipped with a combined open sight of the British military pattern and the peep-sight favoured by civilians, concerning which Captain Tupes says: "The peep-sight should be taught the recruit first, and the use of the notch, or open sight, explained to him afterwards. Every recruit should be required to use the peep-sight habitually unless his vision is so defective as to prevent it, and the same applies to all old soldiers who have never qualified higher than marksmen while using the open sight. The length of time it takes to learn to do accurate shooting with the open sight is longer than the average soldier stays in the service. Use the peep-sight habitually," etc.

While the N.R.A. maintains the artificial shooting conditions at Bisley, and continues to permit the use of numerous detached adjuncts in aid of the sights of the Service arm, the civilian regards it as paradoxical that the same rules which bar the aperture sight allow the use of an orthoptic spectacle. The new War Office instruction rifle is of a distinctly military type, and if the use of other rifles is suppressed by restrictive coercion, it justifies the contention that progress in marksmanship is limited by its capabilities, the investigating tendency of civilians into rifle problems, productive of many improvements in the past, is wholly prevented, and all inducement to the

rifle-maker to continue progressive development of the rifle, for civilian club purposes at any rate, will be entirely at an end. The rifle-maker, moreover, has good reason to complain of official interference. He has catered most suitably for civilian requirements hitherto, and his products provided the means which have led to the development of the movement to a point promising permanence.

Having created a market, an official production, possessing no new features, or even proved to have any superior qualities, is invested with the artificial good-will appertaining to its designation "War Office Miniature Rifle," and reinforced by artificial pressure brought to bear upon the clubs by the N.R.A., with what object is not indicated. A critic, having intimate knowledge of the characteristics of the civilian movement, and who has made a special study of the successful Continental rifle clubs, suggests an entirely new policy with regard to it: In promoting marksmanship contests for civilians, all restrictions as to the type of rifle and sights to be eliminated. Distance to be prescribed with regard to the ranges most commonly used by civilians. The object fired at to bear some similitude to those of the battle or hunting field upon a natural background, and to be moving to and fro as well as at right angles, and disappearing as well as stationary. A limit to be imposed upon the energy generated by the ammunition, very low for distances up to 100yds., medium up to 200yds., and unlimited beyond. Sights having glass lenses to be relegated to a separate class. With the object of doing away with that intense deliberation, the characteristic of many marksmen; a judicious time limit at the rate of, say, 10sec. per shot to be imposed for each series of shots, by exposing the target for a definite period, and indicating the score after the series of shots is complete. Sighting shots, each marked, may be allowed as at present, on separate targets provided for the purpose. Flags and artificial aids to the estimation of the force and direction of wind to be abolished, and the marksman encouraged to rely upon indications afforded by the motion of existing natural objects. Military rifle competitions to be upon similar lines, but limited to the *bona-fide* arm of the country. All detached aids to the rifle-sights, such as orthoptics, verniers, wind-gauges, paints, matches, etc., to be abolished. A rifle with a polished sight is just as defective as if its breech mechanism was broken, requires permanent repair, and will be kept in better order when temporary makeshifts are disallowed. The chief volunteer competitions to be contested with rifles issued by the Government to the corps to which the competition belongs, thereby removing the premium on the long pause. The scoring system to be altered so as to indicate the measure of the rifle's capabilities realised by the marksman, and determine relative merit without the aid of so many tie rules. The principles underlying these suggestions favour the discovery and survival of the fittest as regards rifles for civilians, the introduction of more realistic features, economy of time, and the abolition of artificialities which are positively detrimental to the acquirement of practical field marksmanship.

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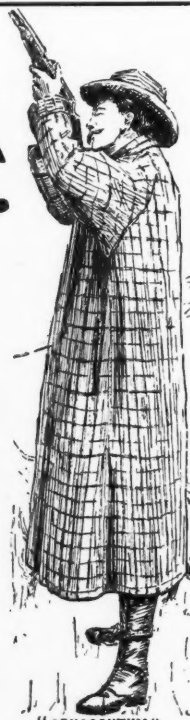


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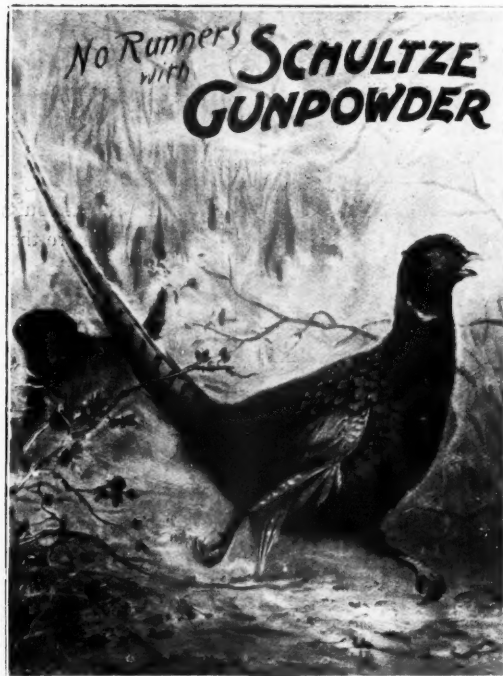
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SIMPLICITY and directness are the notes of "British Dogs at Work," by Mr. A. Croxton Smith (Black). The author, who is well known as a breeder and exhibitor of working bloodhounds and bassets, has given us the results of his experience in the choice, management and training of dogs. He has done this well, because he loves dogs for themselves, and, therefore, writes with sympathy of their virtues and failings, their needs and their ailments. No one can go wrong who follows the advice he gives. In the chapter on the ailments of dogs (page 110, *et seq.*) there is a sentence which every dog-lover should take to heart: "A good nurse is sure to succeed with dogs. . . . The more dogs are treated like human beings the better chance has one of success. Half the battle consists in being able to anticipate illness by detecting the early signs of ailing." How many dogs come to an untimely end because they lack good nursing, and because people neglect the first symptoms of coming illness. In the course of his excellent directions for the treatment of distemper Mr. Smith says all that can be said, with this exception, that when a dog is ailing and refuses food, he should never be allowed to fast too long. The rapidity with which a dog loses and regains strength is wonderful. If a dog refuses food for twenty-four hours, some simple nourishment—Benger's food or Brand's essence—should be put down his throat, a teaspoonful at a time every hour or so.

There is a point on which our own experience differs from that of Mr. Smith. He writes that a dog's life is not worth having after ten years old. We have had three favourites who lived hale and hearty to be fifteen or more, and only failed seriously in the last few months. The famous Belvoir Gambler, after he retired and had his liberty, used of his own accord to join the hunt long after he was fifteen years old. I fancy that the penalty dogs pay for the glory of prize-winning is a shortening of the span of life.

Mr. Smith says in the preface that Mr. Vernon Stokes's pictures are one of the attractions of the book. This is true, but we should have preferred drawings in black and white. The colour reproduction seems crude and glaring, and black and white would have given better scope to the artist, who has, perhaps, been hampered by the colour process, and also by the necessity of drawing show dogs in show condition. There are, however, three illustrations of great spirit and excellence

—the Otter-hound, the Cocker Spaniel, and the Scotch Terrier; these have more life and character than the others, and show what the artist could do. The pictures of the pointer and the foxhound, on the other hand, are accurate, but lack the idea of activity and speed which these dogs give in life. The lithe grace of the pointer and the activity of the foxhound are hardly sufficiently suggested in the sketches. But the pictures are accurate, and may be a real help to the study of the points of the different dogs depicted. It is a book for the dog-lover who is also a dog-fancier to buy, to study and to keep.


CHRISTMAS BOOKS.

THERE is an admirable tendency in certain publishers at the present moment to prepare little masterpieces as gifts to children at this time of the year, and nothing could be more praiseworthy. Messrs. Jack of Edinburgh, for instance, publish a set of excellently-chosen and beautifully-got-up little volumes which, as a rule, give a single poem. One of these is Dante Gabriel Rossetti's "The Blessed Damozel," with illustrations in colour. It is a most charming little volume, and one to be treasured by any recipient. We have received "The Ancient Mariner," prepared in the same way and equally worthy to be treasured. Another is the comparatively little-known "Christmas Eve," by Robert Browning. In this the pictures can without exaggeration be called weird and fantastic. A place is given along with these to a welcome little volume of "Christmas Carols." It contains many of the old favourites, such as "God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen," "Good King Wenceslas," "Here we come a-wassailing," "Joseph was an Old Man," "In Bethlehem, that Noble Place." Olive Allen showed some of that courage which angels are said not to possess when she ventured on illustrating Blake's "Songs of Innocence" for the same series. The spirit of Blake is a very difficult one to catch. "Goblin Market," by Christina Rossetti, well merits its place among the others, and the pictures for it have been very prettily done by D. C. Calthrop. Monro S. Carr also essayed a difficult task, though it has often been attempted before, when he set out to give shape and colour to "Tam o' Shanter." By far the best picture, in our opinion, that he has produced is that opposite page 30. The only booklet in this series that we are doubtful about is "Lady Geraldine's Courtship." Mrs. Barrett Browning is not a highly suitable writer for children.

Different in character is another series of books for children issued by Messrs. Jack, entitled "The Children's Heroes." In one we have the story of Bishop Patteson, in another the story of Chalmers of New Guinea, in a third the story of Lord Clive, and in a fourth stories from the "Arabian Nights." All are nicely got up and prettily illustrated. "Lazy John" is a Christmas book of an older style, meant for children who are yet in the nursery. It is beautifully printed and illustrated and strongly bound, so that it will make an admirable gift-book.

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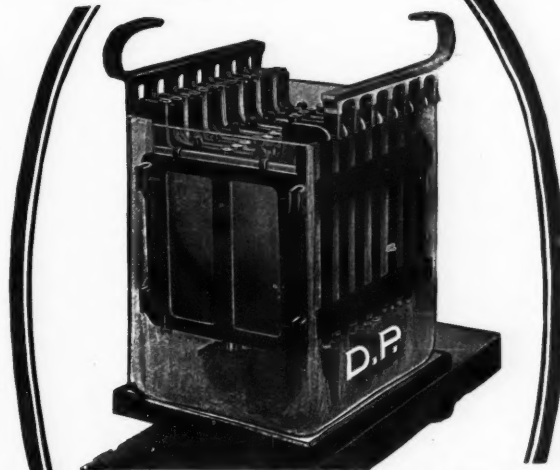
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One of the most popular journals for children is *Chatterbox*, and the yearly volume published by Messrs. Wells Gardner, Darton and Co. forms nearly as acceptable a present as could be found. With the issue of this volume we are informed that *Chatterbox* completes the fortieth year of its existence, so that many who read it in the late sixties now are the fathers and mothers of a new generation, who no doubt are following in their footsteps. From the same publishers we have received the annual volume of the *Price*, another admirable publication for children.

A charming book of short stories, by Charles J. Bellamy, has been issued by Messrs. Macmillan under the name of "The Wonder-Children, their Quests and Curious Adventures." It is a book to delight boys and girls a little older than those for whom the usual Christmas volume is intended.

Mrs. Molesworth is the author of some of the best books for children in the English language, and she has added to them a worthy successor in "Jasper," a story for children, also issued by Messrs. Macmillan. It is a book that people of taste will be glad to give their little ones.

"A Nursery Medley" (Chapman and Hall) gives the words and music of many rhymes that long have been dear to the nursery, such as "Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary," "The North Wind Doth Blow," "Baa, Baa, Black Sheep, Have You Any Wool?" "Little Boy Blue," "Ride a Cock Horse to Banbury Cross," "Little Miss Muffet," and so on. They have been well set to music by Violet Gardiner.

Mr. Punch has celebrated the occasion by issuing a "Book of Birthdays" (Punch Office), by Olga Morgan and Harry Rountree. It is full of good wholesome rollicking fun, such as the traditions of Bouverie Street associate with Christmas. Opening the book at random we find that April 7th is dedicated to the memory of Little Polly Flinders, and December 22nd to Cinderella, while November 5th is dedicated to the honour of Three Blind Mice. The illustrations are extremely fine. "The Dogs of War," from the same publishers, is most excellent fooling, and the contents will prove a pleasant surprise to most of those who purchase the volume.

A characteristic example of the work of Walter Crane has been issued by Messrs. Cassell and Co. It is called "Flowers from Shakespeare's Garden, a Posy from the Plays." The pictures are clever and elegant, but remind us curiously of the beautiful ladies of the corps de ballet. Take, for example, the one called "Mints." Here we have two stately and shapely damsels with mint on their heads and mint on their toes and mint encircling their fair bosoms and wands of mint in their hands, while, on the opposite page, substitute lavender for mint and you have the same effect. They might have been sketches for a performance at the Alhambra.

"Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh" (John Lane) begins with an overture in which we are told that "These plays were written for the Woman and for her entertainment performed, with the purpose of, in some measure, relieving the tedium of her first year upon this planet." It is a curious, fantastical piece of work that may possibly find many admirers.

Pretty and playful, as it ought to be, is "Baby Town Ballads" by "Nella," illustrated by Charles Robinson and published by T. Sealey Clark. Besides being clever and interesting, it is a thoroughly well printed and well got up book.

"The Diverting History of John Gilpin" never grows stale or flat, and the pretty little edition published by Messrs. Constable is a delicious book. Mr. Robert Seaver, who has drawn and engraved the woodcuts, has entered very closely into the atmosphere of the time.

LITERARY NOTES.

A COLLECTION of Mrs. W. K. Clifford's stories deserve a welcome accorded to few writers of short tales. She gives us this time eight examples of *The Modern Way* (Chapman and Hall). Like Mrs. Molesworth, she takes certain types and aspects of society, and treating it often in the lightest spirit, or rather with great art, discovers the underlying tragedy. Mrs. Clifford, however, goes further into the deep and bitter things of the heart. The modern way of loving is her present theme. The first story suggests a tragedy behind that which is actually related. Some readers may, perhaps, only see what might be a romantic episode cut short. The two figures—the man Fulkston and Miss Welsworth—have the sad reality of middle age about them, soberly content in a day of unfulfilled hopes and perhaps finished illusions. The air is full of romance, but the end is dry with the ashes of prudence and reserve. All the other stories are equally good, but, with the exception of a delightful interlude, "Freddie's Engagement," they are all sad. "Vanitas vanitatum omnia vanitas" is the timeworn text to which the hero in the end comes.

Whether Miss Grant Duff has essayed a first novel in *Periwinkle* (John Murray) we do not know, but she has achieved a rare success. *Periwinkle* is supposed to be a little flower of a fairy who wishes to assume mortal guise and become a little girl. So we get her history from the time she is found a babe in the woods and taken home to be his wife by Mark Eversley. The



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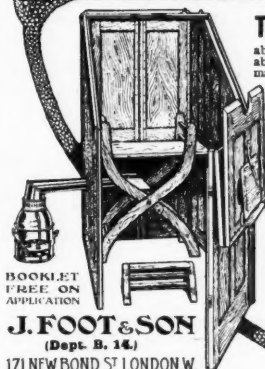
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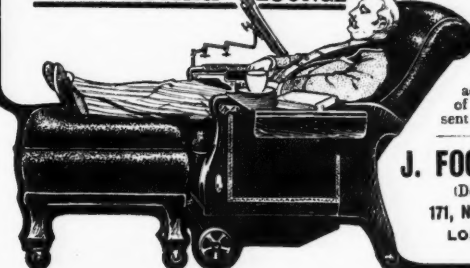
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Periwinkle—Periwinkle.
What does it tell of this mystery?
Are we in time or eternity?
Learn we the answer in dreams or from thee?
Periwinkle, Periwinkle."

The reader who has the courage to pursue *Hand and Land*, by Mr. George Long (Drane), will meet a writer of uncommon freshness in the way of being daringly dull and romantically prosaic. At page 180 he will meet the following, which for insouciance will surprise the ordinary novel-reader. "Bartlett's Useful Guide" he remembers at school:

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'As mouth-pieces for pipes, for instance,' said Arthur, 'it has no equal.'
'Are you a great smoker?' asked Kate.
'No, you would hardly call me that, but I seem to have left something out of the day's work—or pleasure should I say—if I don't get a smoke.'
'I like men who smoke,' said Kate; 'they scarcely seem real men unless they do.'

'Then to the south, they tell us, lies the country of the Poles. I always sympathise with that people when I read their history, and I fancy if they had occupied an isolated country such as Britain, they would have been a great nation.'

'They have fine characteristics, no doubt,' said Kate, 'but I doubt if any circumstances would ever have produced a race of men equal to the Anglo-Saxon.'

'No doubt you are right,' said Arthur; 'I have never gone deeply into anthropology, but certainly, when we consider, the Anglo-Saxon, as you say, does stand out by himself.'

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There is something delusive and irritating about the title of Mr. Hugh Sheringham and Mr. Nevill Meakin's novel, *The Enemy's Camp* (Macmillan and Co.). The title is too large for the subject, and the subject is the manoeuvres, and a mild, amusing tittle-tattle of two opposing picnic parties. It is not a picnic either, for it lasts for some weeks. A gentleman at Ealing, his wife, and three nieces are camping out on a very quiet river, and they discover a house-boat a little way off containing five young men, all very irreproachable and aristocratic young men. Naturally, the usual complications ensue, which we need not detail, as they are patent at the outset to the most amateur novel reader. The story provides simple entertainment without being exciting or remarkably clever.

From the *Field* office, published by Horace Cox, comes a handbook seasonable enough for the time of year, if not exactly for the kind of weather we are having in England. *The Winter Sports Annual for 1906-7* is for those thousands of people who go abroad every year to enjoy those winter amusements they despair of getting at home—skating, tobogganing, skiing and curling. The directory embraces Austria, Germany, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland, and gives fares and directions where to stay, and details of the sport that may be expected in any particular town or district. There are chapters on each sport by authors whose names are a guarantee that any advice tendered is based on experience, and the book will tempt many a novice to enquire about a ticket at once.

Who's Who for 1907 looks as if it had already eaten its Christmas dinner. It is somewhat increased in "chest" measurement, and this in spite of the relegation to the *Who's Who Year Book*, which also lies before us, of certain tables which originally were part of the larger volume. The two books taken together form an indispensable reference library in themselves, and one which to future generations may prove invaluable in throwing light on biographical references and dates. The obituary at the beginning reminds us how many well-known men of our time have passed away during the last year. The publishers are Messrs. A. and C. Black.

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FROM THE FARMS.

BEECH HEDGES.

IN the *Estate Magazine* for last month there is an interesting article on beech hedges that deserves to be summarised. The author places this kind of hedge "very high in order of arboreal comeliness." He tells of one that a few years after planting was roft. high and almost boy-proof. The other merits of it are set forth in the following paragraph: "As, if thickly planted, the beech retains its withered leaves almost until the new crop appears in late spring, it always provides good shelter, and the brown of the leaves gives a pleasing effect. This variety of appearance is a point of advantage for the beech over two of its greatest rivals as a hedge plant, the holly and the yew. Everybody is acquainted with the remarkable beauty of the tree when newly in leaf; there is no other green quite like it or equal to it in nature."

THE SELECTION OF DAIRY CATTLE.

Two very eminent authorities, in the persons of T. R. Robinson and C. W. Walker-Tisdale, contribute to the Journal of the Board of Agriculture a very practical paper on this subject. What they point out may be regarded by some as truisms, but they are truisms that are too often neglected. In the first place, then, it is necessary for the farmer to decide whether his dairy is to be kept for milk selling or for making butter. If the former of these be his object, it is essential that he should choose a cow

which will at once give a quality of milk exceeding the limit prescribed by the Sale of Milk Regulations, and yet not so excessively rich as to cause a corresponding reduction in quantity. On the other hand, butter may be the object, or cheese. The two authors unhesitatingly recommend Shorthorns for milking, Jerseys and Guernseys for butter, and Ayrshires for cheese. They somewhat laxly say that cows that will yield the quantity of milk specified may be either bred or bought. As they estimate that the average quantity of milk yielded per cow per annum throughout the country is little more than 400 gal., it is evident that the practice thus recommended is not very successful. The dairy farmer might be more usefully recommended to build up his herd by breeding only from those which have the special qualities that suit his purpose; but the authors keep one eye on the butcher, and recommend dual-purpose cows which may be milked for a time and then afterwards fattened and sold for beef. The short list that we have given is enlarged to suit the various localities as follows: Shorthorns, South Devons, Jerseys, Guernseys, suitable for good land; Welsh, Ayrshires, Shorthorns, Kerries, Dexters, Lincoln Reds, Redpolls, suitable for exposed country; Shorthorns, Welsh, Ayrshires, Kerries and Dexters, Dutch, specially adapted for milk-selling; Jerseys, Guernseys, and South Devons, most suitable for butter-making. In purchasing dairy cattle the points to be considered are: (1) Temperament of the animal; (2) shape of the udder; (3) general appearance denoting milking qualities; (4) indications regarding quantity of milk yielded; (5) points indicating constitution and quality of milk yielded. In examining dairy cows, the points which past experience has taught are indicative of milking strain must be taken into consideration. By temperament it is meant that the cow should be quiet when handled, possess a clean coat, a long neck, and be gentle and phlegmatic in temperament. In regard to the shape of the udder they say: "The udder, or bag, should extend well forward, whilst the fore teat in some cows will be found in a vertical line with the hip bone. The udder should be full, and come up well behind under the tail, the whole vessel showing great capacity, each quarter being sound and the teats easy to draw. The teats should be equidistant apart, squarely set on, and of a useful size for milking." They also insist, as far as general appearance goes, on the wedge shape, a capacious abdomen and a clean and thin flank. Of the indications regarding the quantity of milk yielded, it is said, "Milk veins should be large, prominent, and branched, and the milk 'wells,' where the blood-vessels enter the belly, highly

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developed. Milk veins are blood-vessels carrying away impure blood from the udder back to the heart and lungs for purification; as milk is derived directly from the blood, it follows that the greater the supply of blood passing through the udder the greater the possibilities of the production of a large quantity of milk. The 'escutcheon' or 'milk mirror' should be wide at the thighs, and if of the 'flandrin' order, run in a broad band up to the vulva. The back of the udder just above the teats should show two 'ovals' of down-growing hair, the skin being fine and elastic and having a mellow touch."

Among points indicating the quality and colour of milk "touch" counts for a good deal. It is best judged by taking hold of a portion of the skin and flesh behind the last rib when the cow's head is turned slightly towards you. The skin should be loose and rather thin, and of a slightly oily nature, and the hair soft and velvety. Then comes a little essay on milking of a very useful and practical kind, in which the virtues of gentleness and cleanliness are well inculcated, the whole matter being summarised in this paragraph. The essentials

of good milking are that it should be performed (1) Quietly: that is to say, the milk should be withdrawn in a manner that will cause no discomfort to the cow. (2) Quickly: if performed quickly more milk is obtained, for rapid milking appears to be beneficial in increasing the flow. The comparison of the results obtained by good and inferior milkers makes this point very clear. A good milker is able to milk from seven to ten cows in an hour, the common indication of good milking being the production of plenty of froth or "head" upon the milk in the pail. (3) Thoroughly: the last milk, being the richest, must always be withdrawn. Finally the authors impress on their readers the very great necessity for recording and testing the yield of milk.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

Once more we are able to show a picture of lambs taken on the first day of December. They are, it is scarcely necessary to say, Dorset

Horns, which lamb, as a rule, between November 20th and December 20th. By March and April, when many other lambs are just coming into the world, these are expected to weigh 40lb. to 44lb. the dressed carcass. Our other picture, which has just reached us from Inverness, illustrates the pugnacity which seems to be innate in all sheep. It is no uncommon sight, even among lambs, to see them butt one another till they apparently get a slight concussion and are obliged to call "Time!"

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PUBLIC SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

SIR,—Being greatly interested in the question of public abattoirs, I noted the paragraphs on the subject in your issue of November 10th and 24th. That the members of the Norfolk Chamber of Agriculture were adverse to the erection of such abattoirs, is not only an echo of ancient history, but a further proof that the opposition of "the trade" is still very strong. A few years ago I made an exhaustive study of the two abattoirs at Paris, viz.: La Villette and La Rive Gauche, where practically the whole of the animals supplying meat for Paris are killed. The work is not only carried out there on humanitarian and sanitary lines, but, in addition, nothing is wasted

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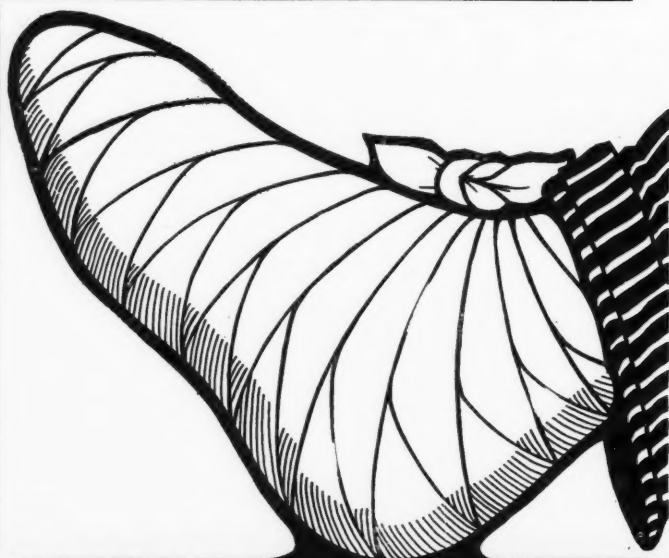
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antagonistic, but gradually took advantage of the many benefits of the abattoir (not the least of them being the refrigerating-rooms), and now advertise in their shops that the meat has been killed in the public abattoir. The argument often put forward by the butcher is that abattoirs do not pay. This is controverted by the fact that some years ago the secretary of the Model Abattoir Society wrote to a number of town clerks, in whose districts public abattoirs had been erected, asking them the following questions: 1. Had the sale of diseased meat decreased? 2. Had less cruelty been practised? and (3) Were the institutions financially successful? Out of twenty-two full replies received the first two questions were answered in the affirmative. Four replied that the abattoirs were a great financial success, eight that they yielded a good profit, five that the loss was very slight and decreasing each year, and five that they were a loss. Considering that the municipalities have no power to close the private slaughter-houses, and therefore have to compete with these, this result is eminently satisfactory. Mr. Kidner directs attention to the great necessity that exists for the thorough inspection of all dead meat brought into this country. Naturally, there is a "great necessity" for it; but that only touches the fringe of the subject. In Paris, each beast is examined by a fully-qualified veterinary surgeon when it is brought into the market alive, also while it is being killed, and, again, before the carcase leaves the abattoir, when it is printed with the official stamp. Where public abattoirs do not exist, such inspection is impossible, as private

slaughter-houses are so scattered that the inspectors (conscientious as I believe them to be in their work) cannot possibly carry out their duties so efficiently as if the buildings were centralised in a series of large groups. I am quite in accordance with Mr. Kidner when he states that a proposal to establish public abattoirs would meet with strong opposition from the butchers, as were these buildings erected and statistics obtained as to the number of animals killed, the public would become aware of the fact that much of the meat sold as English only earned that title by a few days' residence at Deptford and Birkenhead prior to being slaughtered. That public abattoirs will eventually be erected in all cities, and that they are a necessity both from a sanitary and humanitarian point of view, there can be no doubt.—R. STEPHEN AYLING, F.R.I.B.A.

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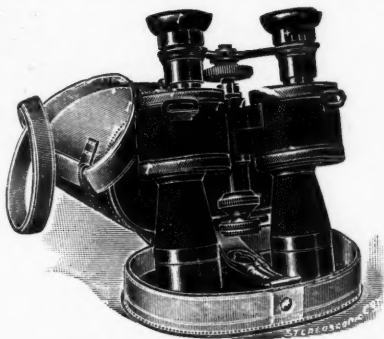
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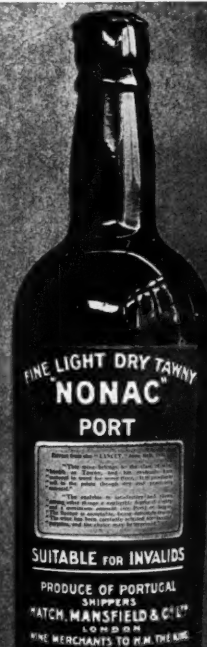
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THE important speech delivered by Lord Grey on November 29th has special importance for all those who are directly or indirectly connected with the cultivation of the land. The Dominion above all other portions of the King's Empire is one that presents openings to the surplus rural population of this country. It is ever open to take what we can spare of the King's subjects. Lord Grey put the case with his usual force when he said that nearly every inch is suitable for happy English homes, and he pointed out to the Canadians that if they continue true to themselves and are united and incorruptible they will become the most powerful factor in the English-speaking world. These are grave statements to make, but Lord Grey is the last man in the world to venture upon them without a feeling of deep responsibility. He is by birth and position an English statesman of the highest type. His forefathers took a leading part in the political developments of this country, and he himself has been in close touch with affairs of the highest import since he reached manhood. He is an English landlord who knows the requirements of the people among whom he was brought up. He is a statesman too of Colonial experience, who in South Africa came into close contact with the late Cecil Rhodes and others with equally large and liberal views as to Colonial expansion.

Already he has won golden opinions from all sorts and conditions of men as Governor-General of Canada. Therefore it is impossible to attach too much importance to what he says. After studying the facts on the spot he is of opinion that if the growth of the North-West proceeds at the present pace, it is only a question of time before the farmers of the Dominion must look to the Orient as the market for their produce. Although Canada possesses the natural trade route between Europe and the East, her exports last year amounted to only 1 per cent. of those of the United States. In his reference to this Lord Grey was putting his finger upon the pulse of the situation. Until now it can scarcely be said that Canada has been a serious rival of the United States. The people of the latter country have shown an energy, alacrity and enterprise in taking advantage of the markets of the world which the more slowly developing Canada could scarcely emulate. But things have changed very much during the last few years. Canada has had the advantage of being guided by strong and far-seeing statesmen, and has

advanced by leaps and bounds during recent years. It is becoming great not only in agriculture, but in commerce, and the announcement made by Lord Grey shows that the latter feature is likely to be accentuated. We refer to the congratulatory terms in which he spoke of "the proved existence at Cobalt of large deposits of some of the richest silver ore in the world, of which no one was yet in a position to say how far the depth and area extended." Lord Grey also dwelt on the belief, once prevalent, that Canada, in time, would be absorbed by the United States. He is, naturally, very much against this. He said: "Are you going to lose your individuality? A thousand times, no! Shame even to speak of such a thing. The growth and development of your nationality brings strength and security to England and the Empire." The policy here shadowed forth is one that is recognised as right by the leading Canadians of the hour, and which statesmen in this country will be glad to support. There was a time in the history of Canada when it seemed that the Dominion would fall like a ripe pear into the arms of the United States, but this danger has completely disappeared. The statesmen of Washington no longer nourish the belief that it would be of any avail for their country to absorb Canada, and some of them have spoken on the subject with a downright frankness equal to that of Lord Grey himself. It remains, however, for the Dominion to cherish and maintain its own special character and individuality. And this is much more difficult in a comparatively new country than in one that is old, because from the very nature of things the former is continuously drawing recruits from every portion of the habitable globe. Those who take up their residence there can scarcely begin with that loyalty to the country of their adoption that would naturally be felt by the natives. The German, for instance, who emigrates to Canada tends to remain a German, and so with persons of other nationalities throughout Europe. The antidote to this feeling has been indicated in a recent speech by one of the Canadian leaders, who proposed that the Union Jack should be hoisted above every school, and that the children of the Dominion from infancy should be taught to love and to respect it. This, and the constant keeping before them of the fact that they belong to the great British Empire, may prove an antidote to influences that otherwise would tend to undermine the national character. Such are some of the conclusions that must inevitably be drawn from Lord Grey's vigorous speech. It is fortunate for this country that we should at this moment be represented in Canada by one so capable of leadership.

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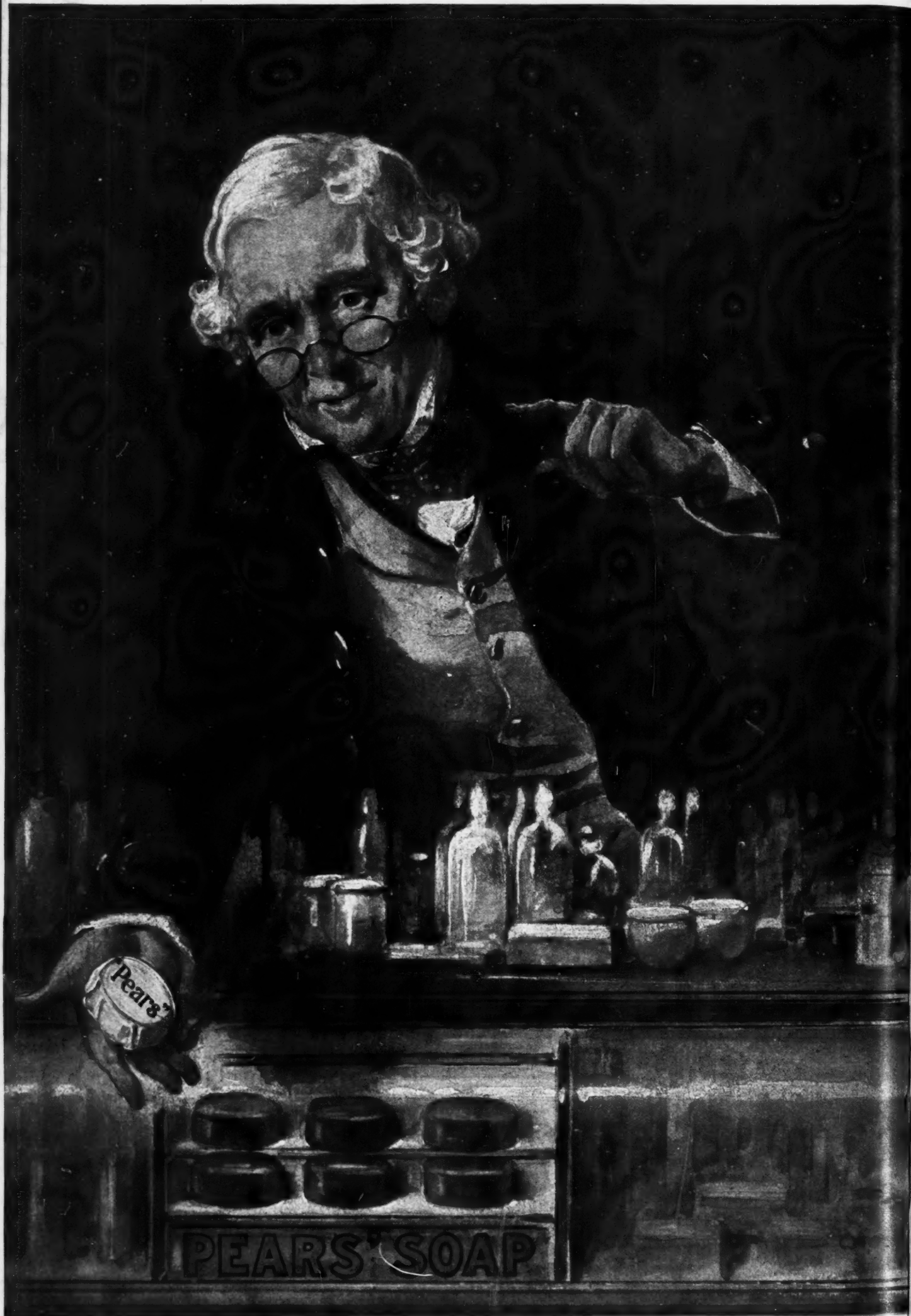
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